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Ruti Ashouri, girlfriend of Amir Siedner, killed on Monday night when his tank was blasted by a roadside bomb in South Lebanon, breaks down at his funeral at the Mount Herzl military cemetery in Jerusalem yesterday. Amir's brother Alon is on the left. (Story – Page 2) (Isaac Harari)

Mob hangs Kabatiya man after he slays village boy

By JOEL GREENBERG
and YEHUDA LITANI

The body of a man was found hanging from an electric pole in the village of Kabatiya late yesterday afternoon, hours after he killed a seven-year-old boy and wounded 13 other people when he opened fire on a crowd that attacked his home, security sources said.

Sources in Kabatiya identified the man as Muhammad Ayed a-Ragheb, 29, an employee of the traffic department in the Civil Administration in neighbouring Jenin. A-Ragheb had a licence to carry firearms, and was considered by local residents to have been a collaborator with the Israeli authorities.

Threats against employees of the Civil Administration and other persons suspected of cooperating with the Israelis have been made in leaflets and broadcasts from the Palestinian radio station in Syria promoting the unrest.

Informed security sources said that the Kabatiya incident, along with a shooting attack Tuesday night on an army jeep in Gaza, represent a new escalation in the Palestinian uprising, characterized by internecine violence and use of firearms by Islamic fundamentalist groups.

The sources said the internal violence could weaken the Palestinian solidarity maintained during the uprising, and they warned that armed attacks could backfire, leading to a "bloodbath" with many casualties.

The use of guns and explosives during the uprising has been expressly banned by the PLO leadership in Tunis, to maintain the momentum of a "civil" rather than an "armed" revolt. The uprising has gained wide sympathy because it has pitted unarmed civilians against armed troops. The PLO is also concerned that armed attacks could lead to heavy Palestinian casualties from return fire by troops, and to possible mass expulsions by the Israeli authorities.

Security sources and villagers gave varying accounts of how the violence began at Kabatiya.

According to the security sources, hundreds of demonstrating villagers marched on A-Ragheb's home, attacked it with petrol bombs and tried to set it on fire. He responded by shooting at the crowd.

Villagers said there had been a protest march in the village, which A-Ragheb tried to disperse by shooting an Uzi in the air. When the crowd tried to drive him off, he opened fire at the protestors.

A seven-year-old boy, Muhammad Ikmil, was killed, and 13 persons wounded.

According to the security forces, riots and attacks on A-Ragheb's house continued throughout the day, the home was finally burned, and his body was later found hanging from an elecrtric pole. Palestinian sources denied that the home was damaged, but said A-Ragheb, who escaped into the house, was dragged out by angry villagers who wrapped an electric wire around his neck and hung him on the electric pole.

A protest erupted yesterday at the Jenin refugee camp as the wounded from Kabatiya were brought to the Jenin hospital. Rocks were thrown at a bus, and its windows were smashed. Security forces broke up the protest and made three arrests.

A general strike paralyzed the West Bank and Gaza Strip yesterday, as Palestinians responded to calls in "leaflet No. 8" of the "United National Command of the Uprising," for a strike yesterday and today, to protest the forthcoming visit by U.S. Secretary of State Shultz.

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Roadside bomb and gunfire inject new dimension in Gaza violence

Security men escape armed ambush

By BRADLEY BURSTON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA CITY – For the first time since the current wave of unrest began in the territories more than two months ago, explosives and firearms have been employed by a Palestinian against security forces personnel, it was revealed yesterday.

Close to midnight Tuesday, a bomb placed on the bypass highway near here was set off as two vehicles carrying security forces passed nearby.

According to military sources, the device was set off by a Palestinian hidden in a position overlooking the highway. After the bomb exploded, the attacker or attackers opened fire on the vehicles with small arms, but no injuries were recorded. Though the men in the vehicles opened fire and gave chase, they were unable to apprehend suspects.

IDF officials last night expressed extreme concern over the attack, coming in the wake of an incident last Friday in which a Khan Yunis resident was killed when a device he was apparently attempting to assemble exploded prematurely.

In a third instance, an IDF patrol early yesterday came upon what appeared to be a bomb laid on a central Gaza highway, with attached electric cords leading to an adjacent orchard. But sappers called to the scene discovered that the device was a fake.

Throughout the night and morning, youths scattered broken glass, nails, sharpned metal objects and nail-studded boards along main Gaza streets and highways, as part of a large-scale effort to discourage residents from commuting to jobs in Israel, and from engaging in local commerce.

The commercial strike, which was only partial when PLO factions initiated it earler this week, gained nearly unanimous support yesterday, following a decision by the region's Islamic fundamentalist coalition to throw its influence behind the boycott call.

Local observers noted that yesterday, for the first time, the white flag of Islam appeared in Gaza streets, in addition to the red, green, black and white PLO banner.

In order to counter the expected

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Katyushas hit Galilee as terrorists step up activities

By DAVID RUDGE

Katyusha rockets fell in Galilee last night and a South Lebanese Army soldier was killed and three others wounded in clashes with gunmen inside the security zone in South Lebanon, as terrorists stepped up their activities there.

Several katyushas exploded in Galilee causing slight damage but no injuries. There was no panic and life in the region quickly returned to normal. It was the first katyusha attack against northern Israel in a month. The IDF spokesman said the 122-mm. rockets had been fired from north of the security zone.

In two separate incidents along the perimeter of the zone earlier in the evening, gunmen attacked a SLA patrol and a nearby stronghold with RPG's and light weapons fire.

One SLA soldier was killed and three others wounded. Two of the injured were later transferred by helicopter to the Rambam hospital in Haifa. The third, who was reported to have slight injuries, was treated at Marjayoun hospital.

The attacks, believed to have been perpetrated by Shi'ite extremists, occurred in the region of Kantara village which has been relatively quiet recently.

Informed sources in Israel said they expected the present upsurge in terrorist activities in South Lebanon to continue for the time being.

Judge refuses to reduce Pollard sentence

WASHINGTON (AP) – The judge who sentenced convicted spy Jonathan Jay Pollard to life imprisonment for selling hundreds of top-secret U.S. documents to Israel has refused a defence request to reduce Pollard's prison term.

In a brief order signed Tuesday but made public only yesterday, U.S. District Judge Aubrey E. Robinson Jr. gave no reason for his refusal to cut Pollard's life sentence, which was imposed on March 4, 1987 after the former U.S. Navy civilian intelligence analyst head pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit espionage.

The judge had previously refused to reduce to time already served the five-year sentence he gave Pollard's wife, Anne, who pleaded guilty to a lesser charge.

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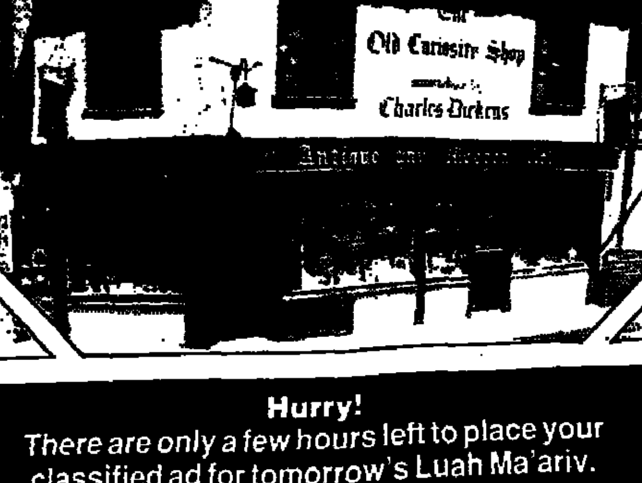

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Settler gets six months for killing demonstrator

TEL AVIV (Itim) – A six-month sentence, to be served in some form of community service, was yesterday handed down on a settler who six years ago fired into a group of stone-throwing children and teenagers at Balata refugee camp near Nablus and killed one of them.

In October 1982, Nissan Ish-Goyev, of Hinanit, was driving a garbage truck in the Nablus area. On his way to Balata to remove the garbage he came upon the group, which was throwing stones at passing cars, including a police patrol car.

According to the prosecution, Ish-Goyev got off his truck, and shot two bursts from his Uzi at the group, "from the hip, at a straight angle," killing 13-year-old Hashem Lutfi Ib-Maslem. Prosecuting attorneys Moshe Shiloh and Zemira Goldner called for a 10-12 year sentence, in order to deter Judea and Samaria settlers from taking the law into their own hands.

District Court Judge Uri Strosman noted that Ish-Goyev's trip had been approved by policemen, who knew that a demonstration was in progress but did not give him proper guidance.

He found that the accused's deed was in "the area of manslaughter that is close to negligence. In his getting out of the truck to shoot into the air, I see no fault."

Shamir, Peres remain far apart on peace

'Unbridgeable' gulf greets Shultz mission

By MENACHEM SHALEV
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz arrives here tonight on a five-day Middle East mission to face an Israeli leadership split down the middle on the peace process and highly sceptical of the prospects for his new peace initiative.

The inner cabinet conducted a calm two-hour discussion of Shultz's proposals yesterday, with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres delivering addresses on their seemingly unbridgeable visions of the peace process.

Charles Hill, assistant to the secretary of state, met with officials in the Prime Minister's Office last night to brief them on Shultz's talks in Moscow earlier this week. Sources in the Prime Minister's Office said that there had been no change in the Soviet position on the peace process, and that the Soviets continue to advocate the convention of a full international conference and to oppose any interim solutions.

The Foreign Ministry claims that the Soviets, while maintaining their former positions, indicated to Shultz that they would reserve judgment on his peace efforts until the scheduled visit of Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze in Washington at the end of March.

Syria will receive Shultz – Page 2

Shultz's immediate aim, which he might continue to pursue in yet another mission here in the next few weeks, is to have governments in the area agree to a "statement of principles" based on plans for talks on an interim solution, an international "event" which would open peace talks, and talks on the final status of the territories, which would begin in December.

Shultz is not expected to press Shamir for an open commitment to the "peace for territories" formula, although he is expected to seek a more general Israeli commitment to UN Security Council Resolution 242. Shultz is expected to buttress his proposals with offers to both Jordan and Israel that the U.S. sign "memoranda of understanding" with them on the positions the U.S. would take in the talks.

At the cabinet meeting, Shamir emphasized the need to base Israel's position on the Camp David accords and on the coalition agreement which stipulates that the government will adhere to them. Peres, in his speech, called for Israeli agreement to the principles of the Shultz plan.

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Shultz gets guarded Soviet go-ahead

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON – Secretary of State George Shultz has received a sceptical go-ahead from the Soviet Union in his diplomatic effort to revive Arab-Israeli peace negotiations.

U.S. officials said yesterday that the Soviets had complained that in its initiative, the U.S. was siding too closely with Israel. But at the same time, Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze and other Soviet officials did not, in the words of one U.S. source, "turn it off completely."

Shultz, who is due to arrive in Israel today, met yesterday with President Ronald Reagan to report on his talks in Moscow and to discuss the upcoming Middle East journey.

Reagan was last night scheduled to host a nationally-televised White House news conference during which he was expected to be asked questions about the Middle East.

The secretary, who is to remain in the Middle East until March 1, will visit Israel, Egypt, Jordan and Syria. He will not stop over in Saudi Arabia during this current swing through the region.

The secretary will meet with Jordan's King Hussein in Europe just before the Nato summit talks in Brussels on March 3-4. Reagan and the other Nato leaders will also be in Brussels for those talks.

U.S. officials confirmed yesterday that Shultz would include a visit to Syria for talks with President Hafez Assad, who is said to view the U.S. peace initiative as some sort of American-Israeli plot. But the Syrian leader is still anxious to receive the secretary in Damascus and to hear first hand exactly what Shultz has in mind.

State Department spokesman Charles Redman said Shultz remained hopeful that he would be able to meet with Palestinians during his stay in Jerusalem. But he said he was unable to provide any "specifics" as to whether such a meeting would take place.

The PLO is reportedly warning West Bank and Gaza Palestinians to boycott any meeting in Israel with the secretary. "I know the secretary

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A girl and her snowman: Jerusalem, outside Damascus Gate, yesterday morning. (Tiktiner / Media)

Last Prisoner of Zion Alexei Magarik arrives

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEN-GURION AIRPORT – Alexei Magarik, who in September became the last Prisoner of Zion to be released from Soviet prison, arrived here from Vienna last night together with his wife Natasha and their son Haim.

Officials of the Absorption Ministry and the Public Council for Soviet Jewry welcomed the family with a festive reception.

A musicologist and a cellist, Magarik, 29, was arrested in March 1986 for teaching Hebrew and sentenced to three years in a labour camp on trumped-up drug charges. Magarik began teaching Hebrew in 1979. While in labour camp he was forced to do work which may have damaged his hands to such an extent that he may no longer be able to play the cello.

"When I was released from labour camp, I was told I was the last Prisoner of Zion," Magarik said in Hebrew on his arrival, "but in the terrible country which is the Soviet Union, you can never tell how many people are still being held."

Tutu says SA gov't ban means 'war'

JOHANNESBURG (Reuter) – South Africa's white rulers virtually outlawed the black opposition yesterday by banning the activities of 17 leading anti-apartheid organizations and cracking down on a black trades union group.

The ban, imposed through new emergency regulations, prompted black archbishop Desmond Tutu, a winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, to declare: "We are heading for war."

The 17 anti-apartheid organizations include the three million-member United Democratic Front (UDF) and the Azanian People's Organization, a black consciousness movement.

Among the others are the Detainees' Parents Support Committee, which monitors political detentions, and the "Release Mandela" campaign.

Although the 17 organizations themselves were not outlawed, in the words of an official at the Ministry of Law and Order the prohibitions mean "they can do damn all from now on."

The emergency regulations, the latest in a 20-month-old crackdown, also barred the black trade union federation, the Congress of South Africa Trade Unions (Cosatu), from politics.

Announcing the restrictions, Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said the government was determined to "end the revolutionary climate." Black leaders and human rights lawyers were outraged at the move.

"The government's idea is to smash effective political opposition, no matter how peaceful, and to rule with the jackboot... We are heading for war," Tutu, head of the Anglican church in Southern Africa, told reporters in Cape Town.

Since declaring a state of emergency in June 1986 to curb black unrest, the government has detained more than 25,000 people without trial for varying periods and imposed unprecedented press restrictions.

The new regulations, promulgated in the Government Gazette, ban the 17 organizations from any activity which does not have the authorities' prior approval and confines Cosatu to bread-and-butter labour relations. Vlok said the 17 organizations would be allowed to keep their assets and perform administrative functions.

"The South African government is determined to take all reasonable steps to ensure the safety of the public and the maintenance of public order in its bid to end the state of emergency," Vlok said.

Word of the crackdown spread rapidly through Soweto, South Africa's biggest black township south of Johannesburg. Blacks gathered on street corners discussing the announcement but the atmosphere was calm.

Black and coloured (mixed race) leaders warned, however, there would be a backlash when the news sank in.

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BUENOS AIRES	21	69	23	73	Rain
CHICAGO	-7	19	-3	27	Cloudy
COPENHAGEN	0	32	5	41	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	2	36	7	45	Cloudy
GENEVA	-4	25	11	52	Cloudy
HELSINKI	-9	1	-7	19	Clear
HONG KONG	18	64	19	66	Clear
JOHANNESBURG	15	57	27	81	Clear
LISBON	11	52	16	61	Rain
LONDON	2	36	5	41	Cloudy
MADRID	5	41	16	61	Clear
MONTREAL	-1	30	3	37	Snow
NEW YORK	6	42	17	62	Cloudy
OSLO	-8	18	2	36	Cloudy
PARIS	3	37	8	46	Cloudy
RIO DE JANEIRO	20	69	29	84	Cloudy
SAO PAULO	18	64	28	82	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	-8	1	-4	25	Snow
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Golan	89	1- 6	9
Nahariya	93	9-11	13
Safad	90	0- 4	8
Haifa Port	58	7-12	14
Tiberias	66	6-14	16
Nazareth	77	2-10	14
Afula	63	6-14	6
Shomron	63	1-10	12
Tel Aviv	54	7-15	17
B-G Airport	57	7-13	16
Jericho	76	7-16	18
Gaza	79	8-13	17
Beersheba	79	5-12	16
Eilat	26	8-18	20

ARRIVALS

Mrs. Muriel Lunden, president of the Women's League for Israel, from the U.S., to attend the Presidents' Conference.

Seymour D. Reich, International President, B'nai B'rith, for meetings of the Conference of Presidents of *Major American Jewish Organizations, and with government leaders.*

Silent tribute to soldier killed in Lebanon

By KENNETH KAPLAN
Post Defence Reporter

Rav Turai Amir Siedner, one of two soldiers killed when a 50 kg. roadside bomb blew their tank apart in South Lebanon on Monday evening, was laid to rest yesterday at the Mount Herzl military cemetery in Jerusalem. He was 19 years old.

OC Central Command Aluf Amram Mitzna and Armoured Corps Commander Tat Aluf Yossi Ben Hanan were among the more than 100 comrades, family and friends who stood silently for nearly an hour in the drizzle, cold and mud to pay their last respects.

Siedner's father, Michael, parted with his son at the graveside. "We are standing around you, next to a pit that has no bottom. If only you were to be the last on the list. Against all those who gaily plant bombs and mines, we stand and reap our sons in tears."

Throughout the ceremony, he and his wife comforted their two younger sons, Alon and Oren, whose incessant but silent sobs as they watched their older brother's coffin disappear into the ground elicited tears from many around the grave.

Siedner, who was the loader/radio man in the tank crew, was described by commanders and friends as an outstanding soldier and a constant boost to others' morale, "even under the most difficult conditions." He was to have begun tank commander training on Sunday.

The funeral of Samal Gavriel Permutti, 20, the second soldier killed on Monday, will take place today at 11 a.m. at the military cemetery in Herzliya.

Permutti was also the oldest of three children. He leaves behind his mother Juliana, sister Michal, currently serving in the army, and brother Eren. His father, Vittorio, a researcher at the Weizmann Institute, died when Gavriel was in 10th grade.

Permutti's teachers remembered him as being well-liked at the Herzliya high school where he concentrated in history.

Despite having lost his father, Permutti volunteered for combat duty when he was inducted into the IDF.

The two other soldiers wounded in the blast were yesterday transferred from the Safad Hospital to hospitals nearer their homes.

The tank commander, Samal Rishon Yisrael Ashkenazi, who was blown out of the tank by the force of the explosion, suffered several fractured vertebrae. He was transferred to Hadassah hospital in Jerusalem.

Gunner Amichai Tavori, of Ramat Gan, was hit by shrapnel when the tank's ammunition exploded, but he managed to drag himself clear. He suffered light injuries and was moved to Tel Hashomer Hospital near Tel Aviv.

Syria, Lebanon and Jordan struck by blizzards

The snow hardly lingered

By ANDY COURT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The children of kibbutz Ein Zivan on the Golan Heights had ample ammunition for snowball fights yesterday morning. But inside the kibbutz factory, the adults were busy making summer sandals for warmer times.

Six inches of snow had fallen at Ein Zivan by about 2 p.m. yesterday, but much of it melted in the sun that appeared again in the late afternoon. As in Jerusalem and other elevated areas of the country, the snow did not linger.

Temperatures will rise today to about 9 degrees in . usalem and 17 degrees in Tel Aviv and Beersheva, according to the weatherman. The *skies will be partly cloudy, with no* rain expected today or over the weekend, when temperatures are expected to rise even more.

The snow caused relatively few disruptions in Israel compared to the havoc it wrought in other areas of the Middle East.

The first snow in 50 years fell in some areas of the Syrian desert yesterday, as blizzards disrupted life in Syria, Lebanon and Jordan, according to Reuters. A 10-hour snowfall *hit Damascus, and officials said air* force helicopters were dropping food and medical supplies to towns and villages cut off by snow which lay more than half a metre deep.

In northern and central Jordan, a second consecutive day of freezing storms forced schools and businesses to close, and many roads were blocked by snow drifts. Elsewhere in Jordan, hundreds of homes were flooded in the wake of torrential rains. Jordan's meteorology *department described the storms* as the worst in eight years.

Snow also blocked roads in the mountains of Lebanon, while thunderstorms in Beirut caused power cuts and *disrupted telephone* service.

The Mt. Hermon area in northern Israel was closed to tourists and skiers yesterday due to the blizzard conditions. Over a metre and a half of snow had fallen in some areas of the Hermon, Itim reported.

Jerusalem received its first snowfall in two years, but the *3.5 cm.* that fell by morning did not last very long. Municipality workers plowed main arteries throughout the night, and rain turned *the snow* to slush as the day wore on.

Except for a tree that fell on a police van near the national police *headquarters and a small* wall that crumbled in Ein Kerem, there were few disruptions of normal city life, the city spokesman's office said.

In Tel Aviv, rain fell in the morning, and skies cleared by midday. Hail storms and sudden rain hit Galilee, but the sun came out in between the downpours.

Most areas of the country have already exceeded their average yearly rainfall, the weather service reported.

Street scene yesterday in the village of Ajaltoun, 26 km. northeast of Beirut. (AFP)

Shultz going to Syria Saturday

DAMASCUS – U.S. Secretary of State George P. Shultz will visit Damascus for several hours on Saturday during his tour of the Middle East, a Syrian source said yesterday.

He will fly to Damascus around lunchtime and depart in the evening.

The American secretary of state will be accompanied by Richard Murphy, his assistant on Near Eastern affairs, the source said.

U.S. officials said last Friday in Washington that the purpose of the Damascus visit would be to discuss the U.S. drive for Arab-Israeli negotiations with President Hafez Assad, whose support for any long-term settlement is considered essential.

A visit by Shultz would be a major boost to Syria and mark an improvement in its relations with the U.S. Syria is one of six countries on the State Department's list of states supporting terrorism.

President Ronald Reagan imposed sanctions against Syria in November 1986, after Britain severed diplomatic relations with Damascus following Syria's implication in the attempt to blow up an El Al plane in London.

Summing up attitudes toward the U.S. effort, a Western analyst told Reuters yesterday: "Shultz faces distrust, *fear and hostility. He must* bridge a great cultural and political chasm."

"Shultz is carrying with him dead ideas to deal with living reality," said PLO spokesman Bassam Abu Sherif in a telephone interview from Tunis yesterday. Palestinian leaders in the territories would boycott Shultz during his visit to Israel, he said.

"Our decision not to meet Shultz is final and definite as long as the American administration refuses to deal with the Palestinian reality – the anti-Israel uprising and national Palestinian aspirations," he said.

Shultz admits he is up against widespread scepticism. "I don't think people give me much chance of success," he said in Brussels yesterday.

***Analysts* say the only *glimmer of* hope rests with new-found confidence in relations between Washington and Moscow.**

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze said he welcomed Shultz's trip, even though it was doubtful it would succeed.

Some observers say the Shultz tour has been designed largely to avoid giving the appearance of inertia in Washington.

Many Arabs fear the U.S. seeks *simply to dampen Palestinian* protests and buy time for Israel.

(AP, Reuter)

Baghdad wanted written guarantee for pipeline

By MENACHEM SHALEV
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The September 1985 offer made by the Bechtel Corporation to sell Israel oil at reduced rates may have been motivated by an Iraqi demand that Israel give a written guarantee that it would not attack the projected pipeline to Akaba and by the *hope that Israel might influence* Secretary of State George Shultz to get involved in the project, informed sources in Jerusalem said last night.

But sources close to Peres denied that Swiss financier Bruce Rappaport had raised the Iraqi demand in a meeting with Peres. They reiterated that Peres had not taken seriously the Bechtel offer, made by Rappaport, since such a proposal had never been made by American officials.

"Peres basically *ignored* his whole conversation with Rappaport," the sources said, "and continued to contact the administration alone on the matter, which had been discussed by successive Israeli governments since 1981."

The Bechtel offer involved oil sales to Israel at reduced rates for a period of 10 years. The anticipated savings annually from the offer were expected to be $65m.-$70m., or 300,000 barrels of oil.

Shultz had excluded himself from dealing with the pipeline because of his past association with Bechtel, as executive vice-president.

After refusing for several years to *provide a written guarantee to the* Iraqis, Peres, then-Foreign Minister Shamir and Defence Minister Rabin relented in November 1985. In a carefully worded letter to then-National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane, Peres wrote that "the Israeli government is prepared to extend guarantees," that the Iraqi pipeline would be "inviolate from any unprovoked Israeli initiative or action."

Asher Wallfish adds: The Likud *Knesset faction yesterday moved to* place on the political agenda in Israel allegations heard in the U.S. against Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, concerning the projected Iraqi pipeline deal.

However, two veteran MKs, one from the Likud and one from the Alignment, predicted that the charges – that Peres angled for a kickback for Labour if Israel agreed not to attack the pipeline to Akaba – could as easily boomerang against the Likud as improve its election prospects.

The two, who wished to remain anonymous, argued that if the American probe found Peres blameless, the Likud would end up with egg on its face. But they added that *if Peres did not emerge unscathed,* the Alignment might put Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin at the top of its election slate, an outcome the Likud would rue.

The Likud faction formally demanded that Foreign Ministry director-general Yossi Beilin set up an emergency team to repair the damage *done in the U.S. to Israel's image, due to Peres' involvement in* the affair. "The affair makes Israel look like a banana republic where things can be fixed up fast if you are on good terms with the national leaders and you grease their palms." the Likud said.

Likud chairwoman Sara Doron *told The Jerusalem Post:* "The allegations against Peres are too serious to be left hanging in the air. The vital interests of the State were allegedly exploited, to replenish party coffers. A handwriting expert should examine the note which Peres allegedly wrote."

Her colleague Benny Shalita said he would never believe that Peres was after personal enrichment.

"But on the other hand, there are lots of precedents for the Labour Party identifying its own interests with those of the State. Where party funding is concerned, the Likud may not have been blameless, but Labour always put the Likud in the shade," Shalita said.

Amnon Linn (Alignment) said, "Peres is much too sensible and much too careful to raise funds for the party illegally. Whoever seeks to smear Peres this way, takes him for a fool. I don't believe the allegations *one bit. But Peres can't sue everybody for libel?"*

Increase in reserve duty expected

By JONATHAN KARP

TEL AVIV – The IDF is likely to *increase the length of reserve duty* this year as a result of the disturbances in the territories. Deputy Chief of General Staff Ehud Barak said yesterday.

Speaking at the Mayors Forum here, Barak said that the Army will be placing a greater emphasis on day-to-day "operational" duties at the expense of military maneuvers.

"In our view, this measure is the price we must pay at the moment." Barak said.

Peace dove to greet Shultz

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

When U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz walks into the lobby of the Jerusalem Hilton today, he's going to get an eyeful of peace. Suspended from the ceiling is a white wood-and-aluminum dove with a four-metre wing span. The finishing touch to the symbolic projection is the olive branch the dove carries in its mouth.

Initially, the Hilton management had *set aside the three top floors for the* Shultz entourage. But there has been a mushrooming of manpower that required the number of rooms reserved to be increased from 100 to 160 and the number of floors allocated to go from three to four.

All elevators in the building will be reprogrammed to ensure that only authorized personnel have access to the Shultz sector of the hotel. All entrances to the building, including from the parking lot, have been sealed off. Guests with cars have been given special identity tags. The names of all guests registered at the hotel will be submitted to both Israeli and American security agents. No one will be able to enter without being screened.

The Royal Suite on the 20th floor, where Shultz and his wife will be ensconsed, boasts a sauna and a luxury bathroom. There will be orchids for Mrs. Shultz and a masseuse on hand for Mr. Shultz.

Maintenance workers have spent the past five days cleaning and repairing the hotel pool. Yesterday, they filled it with water and heated it to 25 degrees, the temperature that Shultz prefers when he goes swimming.

Khoury boycotts song festival

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

HAIFA – A Mediterranean Song Festival which is part of Israel's 40th anniversary celebrations was boycotted last night by Israeli Arab actor Makram Khoury, a recipient of last year's Israel Prize for acting.

Khoury was scheduled to be co-*master of ceremonies* of the festival at the Haifa Theatre, which was broadcast live on radio and television. But a fortnight ago the actor announced that he would be unable to take part in the festival "as though nothing had happened," while troubles continued in the territories.

Shamir: 'Palestinian violence will bring suffering'

By BERNARD JOSEPHS
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Violence will bring the Palestinians nothing but suffering, Prime Minister Shamir last night told a delegation from the Socialist Interna*tional led by a former Danish* premier.

The delegation was meeting with the prime minister after criticizing Israel's policies in the territories. Members of the delegation said they found evidence that troops had systematically beaten Palestinians and that the situation in the territories was getting out of control.

The six-member group, here at the invitation of the Labour Party, comprises delegates from Italy, Holland, Sweden, Belgium and two from Denmark.

The head of the group, former Danish prime minister Anker Joergensen, said: "The situation is most grave. It is creating a negative image of Israel in the world."

Jan Wiarsma, Dutch Labour Party representative, earlier told reporters after a tour of Ramallah: "We saw a lot of people who were systematically beaten."

Shamir told the delegation that he wanted them to take a message to the Palestinians in his name. He said: "Tell the Palestinians, 'You must stop violence and understand that Israel is ready to negotiate seriously.'

"I hope that the majority of Palestinians will realize that violence won't bring anything except more suffering."

The prime minister said that Israel opposed any agreement which called for the dismantling of Jewish settlements in the areas.

He said: "I don't accept the principle that Jews cannot be in any place in Eretz Yisrael. There are lots of Arab villages and towns in Israel, so why should not Jews be allowed to live in, say, Gaza?"

Earlier the delegation met with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

More security for Wadi Ara

By DAVID RUDGE

UMM EL FAHM - Police yesterday stepped up security measures along the Wadi Ara highway after a spate of stone-throwing incidents over the past few days.

Last night an Egged bus was hit by *several stones near the village of* Ara. The windscreen of the bus was smashed but there were no injuries.

The number 824 bus, travelling from Tel Aviv to Afula, was the third to have been pelted with rocks along the Wadi Ara highway recently.

In another incident in Ara village around midnight on Tuesday, an Egged bus was set alight and badly damaged while it was parked by the driver's house. The driver, a villager employed by the bus co-operative, managed to extinguish the flames together with a neighbour.

A fire *investigator said the* blaze had been started deliberately.

Ha'Amakim *district police* commander Nitzav Mishneh Danny Tabib announced that police were increasing patrols along the Wadi Ara road and instituting other security measures to safeguard motorists.

UK rejects asylum for S. African Jew

LONDON (Reuter) – An English appeal court yesterday rejected a plea for political asylum by a South African Jew, saying he could go to Israel instead.

Steven Miller, 29, left South Africa to avoid conscription in the army and entered Britain as a visitor in 1983.

The Home Office refused him political refugee status.

Miller's counsel had argued that his client could not go to Israel because *it had a policy of not accepting* unwilling immigrants. Miller did not want to become an Israeli citizen because he objected to Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon.

MOB HANGS

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Shops were shuttered, public transportation ground to a halt, municipal offices were closed, and labourers did not go to work in Israel. People *stayed* at home, *leaving* the streets deserted. A bus that arrived at Kafr a-Dik to take workers to Israel was set on fire, and several incidents of rock-throwing, erection of stone barricades and burning of tyres were also reported.

Leaflet No. 8 called for the strike as a prelude to stepped-up protests over the weekend, including mass breaking of curfews at noon on Saturday, during the Shultz visit. In a thinly-veiled warning, military sources said they hoped Palestinians would "have the sense" to avoid such action.

Andy Court adds:

More snowballs were thrown than stones in Jerusalem yesterday, but the general strike transformed East Jerusalem's recently dormant business district into a veritable ghost town.

Police yield to Tehiya

By DVORAH GETZLER

Jerusalem police yesterday gave in to the pleas of Tehiya MK Geula Cohen and permitted the party's "protest encampment" outside the Prime Minister's Office to remain in place until after tomorrow's scheduled meeting between Prime Minister Shamir and U.S. Secretary of State Shultz.

A police officer appeared at the 10-day-old encampment yesterday morning and ordered it closed, in keeping with security arrangements for Shultz's visit.

But Cohen argued that if she and her fellows had stuck it out through rain, storms and cold for the past 10 days, it was "unfair" to rob them of their hour on Friday.

Doctors ignore Treasury threat

By JUDY SIEGEL
and LEA LEVAVI

Sanctions by the state hospital physicians continue today, despite threats by the Treasury to issue back-to-work orders against some of them. Finance Minister Moshe Nissim and Health Minister Shoshana Arbeli-Almoslino met last night, but there was no report of progress in ending the sanctions.

As a result of the sanctions, the cardiology department at Sieff Hospital in Safad, the X-ray department at Poriya in Tiberias, and the operating theatres at Assaf Harofe in *Tzrifin and Barzilai in Ashkelon,* will operate today on a Shabbat schedule. The sanctions, which began at noon yesterday, allow only emergencies to be treated.

LATE SPORT

European Cup basketballl favourites Partizan Belgrade and Tracer Milano both won their 10th round games last night against home opposition.

Tracer beat Nashua Den Bosch 85-80 (39-38) in Holland while Partizan upended EB Orthez 73-70 (34-33) in France. Maccabi Tel Aviv play in Greece tonight (see page 5).

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MARTA BUSHANSKY

Widow of Sgan Aluf Eugene Bushansky
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Protests spread across Soviet Armenia

MOSCOW (Reuter) - Nationalist demonstrations flared anew in the Armenian capital of Yerevan on Wednesday and protests spread to other towns in the republic, dissident sources said.

Moscow dissident Alexander Ogorodnikov quoted local sources as saying that despite appeals for calm, crowds of people thronged the streets of Yerevan and most businesses were closed. Demonstrations were held in towns all over Armenia, Ogorodnikov said.

Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov confirmed that demonstrations had taken place but would give no details nor say how many people were involved.

The acknowledgement of unrest among the different nationalties of the southern Caucasus coincided with calls from dissidents for demonstrations in the Baltic republic of Estonia.

Eyewitnesses said several thousand people had taken part in the Armenian protests. A television appeal for calm by Armenian party chief Karen Demirchyan on Monday appeared to have gone unheeded.

The Yerevan protests were in support of ethnic Armenians from the the Nagorno-Karabakh region of neighbouring Azerbaijan, who have demanded the reunification of the territory with Armenia. The unrest in Nagorno-Karabakh, where Armenians form more than 90 per cent of the population, included student boycotts and demands by local party officials for the boundaries to be reviewed.

Izvestia reported on Tuesday that two top party officials had been sent to the region to restore order.

It said Petr Demichev and Georgy Razumovsky, both candidate (non-voting) members of the party's ruling Politburo, were backed by a central committee order calling on the authorities in both republics "to normalize the situation".

Asked if the numbers of demonstrators were greater or fewer than the "limited military contingent" – the Soviet term for its estimated 115,000 troops in Afghanistan – Gerasimov said "many times less". Officials at the Armenian party headquarters in Yerevan, refused to speak about the unrest.

Relations are tense between the traditionally-Christian Armenians and the Azerbaijanis, most of whom are Shi'ite Moslems.

Nagorno-Barabakh became part of Soviet Azerbaijan after the 1918-20 Russian civil war, in which a Bolshevik army raised in Azerbaijan played a major role in crushing nationalist governments in Armenia and neighbouring Georgia.

Analysts said the authorities were concerned that the unrest could spread to the Caucasian region of Nakhichervan, which is part of Azerbaijan despite being geographically separated from it, and whose population is largely Armenian.

The trouble in Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh coincided with reports of nationalist unrest in the Soviet Baltic republics, annexed by the Soviet Union under a secret pact with Nazi Germany in 1939.

Yesterday, the authorities in Estonia were taking precautions against possible unrest to mark the 70th anniversary of a declaration of independence in the Baltic republic.

Last week, the Estonian Party daily *Sovietskaya Estonia* published an appeal signed by 48 prominent Estonians called for calm on the anniversary, which marks the 1918 independence declaration by a non-Communist national council.

The text confirmed that there had been clashes between demonstrators and police in Tartu, the republic's second city, on February 2, in advance of the anniversary.

Midwestern primaries:

Dole batters Bush; one win each for Dukakis, Gephardt

WASHINGTON (AP) – Republican presidential hopeful Bob Dole was riding high yesterday after twin victories over George Bush in Midwestern preludes to next month's "Super Tuesday" showdowns. Democrats Richard Gephardt and Michael Dukakis swapped victories and said they were eager to carry their battle into the South.

The Massachusetts governor won in Minnesota on Tuesday, and dealt Sen. Paul Simon a crushing defeat. Gephardt was the winner in South Dakota with Dukakis a respectable second.

Dole won both states handily, with Bush far, far behind. In Minnesota, the vice president finished fourth behind former television evangelist Pat Robertson and Congressman Jack Kemp. In South Dakota, with Dole winning all 18 of the delegates at stake, Bush was narrowly edged for second place by Robertson.

"I hope it can help me in the South," Dole said of his latest victories. Most of the 16 Republican and 20 Democratic contests on Super Tuesday – March 8 – are in southern states.

Bush was buried in the Tuesday night returns, running third in South Dakota and fourth in Minnesota. After his embarrassing defeat two weeks ago in Iowa, Bush chose to head south rather than take on Dole again in contests in the central prairie region that is home ground to Dole, and to Gephardt.

Bush is regarded as the front-runner in the south.

Gephardt and Dukakis were quick to hail their Midwest victories. "This ... was a great victory," said Gephardt. Dukakis, who finished second in South Dakota, said, "I think it's very good news for us because we've finished strong in every one of these states."

Also able to claim a measure of victory were Robertson, who was running second in both Midwest states, and Democrat Jesse Jackson, a minister, who is also the major parties' only black candidate, who was battling Sen. Paul Simon of Illinois for second place in Minnesota.

Congressman Jack Kemp, third in Minnesota and a dismal fourth in South Dakota, was facing a decision on how much longer he could continue his pursuit of the Republican nomination.

Gary Hart, who had been the Democratic front-runner before his campaign was derailed by the revelation of his liaison with a model, also suffered another discouraging showing with 5 per cent of the vote in South Dakota and 1 per cent in Minnesota. Unable to get 10 per cent of the vote in two consecutive primaries, Hart stands to lose his eligibility for federal matching funds.

Also teetering on the edge was Simon, who vowed Tuesday night that "there is no way I'll get out of the race tomorrow, absolutely none."

Sen. Albert Gore Jr. of Tennessee described his third-place finish in South Dakota as a "pleasant surprise," even though he worked hard in the state and got just 8 per cent of the vote.

Robertson said he was "absolutely delighted" with the results in South Dakota but said he was disappointed with his Minnesota showing.

It was Dole, grinning broadly and acknowledging the cheers of supporters in South Dakota and then Minnesota, who had the most to crow about. It was in sharp contrast to his black mood of a week ago after his loss in New Hampshire.

In returns from all but one of South Dakota's 1,151 precincts, Dole had 51,529 or 55 per cent of the vote compared to 18,275 or just under 20 per cent for Robertson and 17,416 or 19 per cent for Bush. Kemp trailed with 5 per cent.

Dole's South Dakota victory gives him a total of 60 delegates for this summer's nominating convention, behind Bush's 61. The Republican nominee needs at least 1,139 delegates.

Dukakis has 44.5 delegates of the 2,082 needed for nomination under the Democrats' complex procedures. Gephardt follows with 39.

Soviets to remove missiles before treaty ratification

PRAGUE (AP) – Czechoslovakia and East Germany announced yesterday the impending removal of Soviet nuclear missiles from their territories, prior to ratification of the superpower intermediate-range missile treaty.

The announcement in Czechoslovakia's Communist party daily newspaper *Rude Pravo* said the SS-12 Soviet missiles stationed on Czech territory would be removed "in the next few days."

The announcement coincided with a statement in East Germany that withdrawal of the SS-12 shorter-range missiles from East Germany would begin today.

Under the arms control agreement signed by the U.S. and the Soviet Union last December in Washington, all intermediate- and shorter-range nuclear weapons in Europe will be scrapped within three years.

The U.S. Senate and Supreme Soviet have not yet ratified the treaty signed by President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev at their third summit meeting. The Soviet's ruling Politburo has approved the pact, virtually assuring ratification by the Supreme Soviet.

Rude Pravo presented the move to withdraw the missiles as a significant gesture by the Kremlin, stressing that the missiles are being taken out before the treaty is ratified by the Senate.

"A further expression of good will, similar to [others] made by the Soviet Union ... is that according to an agreement with Czechoslovakia and East Germany, it will begin in the next few days to pull out from the territory of both states the missile units equipped with OTR-22 missiles," *Rude Pravo* said. OTR-22 is the Warsaw Pact identification for the missiles Nato calls SS-12.

A brief statement issued by the East German diplomatic mission in Bonn said, "Withdrawal of the Soviet shorter-range missiles from the German Democratic Republic will begin on Febrary 25, 1988." East Germany announced last week that Soviet SS-12 missiles had been dismantled, crated and were ready to be transported back to the Soviet Union.

According to figures released after the superpower arms treaty was signed, there are 54 SS-12s in East Germany.

The East German statement said the missiles would be removed today from two East German sites – Bischofswerda and Waren.

Czechoslovakia has never said how many Soviet missiles were installed on its territory, but Western statistics put the number at 39. The only location ever given for the weapons was a military base near Hranice, 300 kilometres southeast of Prague.

In 1983, Nato began installing U.S. cruise and Pershing 2 missiles in Western Europe to counteract Soviet missiles pointed at the West.

The Kremlin responded by moving some SS-12 missiles from their bases in the Soviet Union to East Germany and Czechoslovakia, putting them within striking range of the West.

Amal says it knows where colonel is held

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ROSH HANIKRA - The Amal Shi'ite movement yesterday announced that it had discovered the hideout where kidnapped American UN officer Lt. Col. William Higgins is being held captive.

But Amal said it would not use force to try and secure the release of the 43-year-old head of Untso's observer group in Lebanon for fear of starting an inter-Shi'ite feud. The announcement was made in Tyre yesterday by Amal's national executive council chairman Daoud Daoud.

Higgins was abducted by gunmen last Wednesday while travelling from Tyre to Unifil's headquarters in Nakoura. A group calling itself the Oppressed of the World, believed to be composed of extremist Shi'ites affiliated to the radical Iranian-backed Hizbullah, has claimed responsibility for the abduction. In an earlier statement, Daoud said that Amal militiamen had siezed six people, two of whom had participated in the kidnapping. He said the identity of the ringleader was known.

Tension has been running high between Amal and the rival Hizbullah organization over the kidnapping. So far it has not erupted into an outright confrontation.

Shi'ite clerics in Beirut and other parts of the country have been doing their utmost to calm the atmosphere and "preserve Islamic unity."

Egyptian construction workers build scaffolds next to the Sphinx to restore a stone slab which fell off the 5,000-year-old monument on February 7. A special committee of Egyptian and foreign archeologists will decide on procedures to restore the fallen part and other weak areas in the Sphinx's neck and left shoulder. (Reuter)

Balkan ministers meet in bid to overcome past

BELGRADE (AFP) – Foreign ministers from six widely-differing Balkan states began an unprecedented three-day meeting here yesterday to discuss regional cooperation in what has long been considered a European powder-keg.

The ministers from Yugoslavia, Romania, Bulgaria, Turkey, Greece and Albania have deliberately agreed not to tackle long-running divisive issues stemming chiefly from border delineation.

Instead they were due to discuss possible cooperation in matters of trade, transport, tourism, agriculture, industry, energy and the environment, according to sources here.

They preferred to call their gathering a meeting rather than a conference, but Balkan experts said that whatever its result the very fact of it taking place at all was an achievement.

Yugoslavia, the moving force behind the talks, is also expected to put forward proposals for cooperation in the fight against terrorism, drug trafficking and other crimes, sources added.

In an opening address Yugoslav head of state Lazar Mojsov called on the participants to "forget the painful inheritance of the past" and "realize that only close and varied cooperation" can enable the Balkan countries to share in "the favourable winds currently blowing over Europe."

Mojsov acknowledged that old quarrels could delay the immediate realization of ambitious aims, but said that this did not mean the Balkans should abandon the idea of "great visions for the future." He recommended a "prudent policy of small steps."

'We planned to poison NY water'

FORT SMITH, Arkansas (AFP) – A white supremacist leader has testified that his group considered dumping enough cyanide in the drinking water supplies of New York or Washington to kill 400,000 people.

James Ellison, a key prosecution witness in the trial of 10 men accused of plotting the violent overthrow of the government, said on Tuesday defendant Robert Miles gave him a 30-gallon barrel of cyanide to poison the water in attempt to create civil unrest. "The ones who would be killed would not really matter. It would be a good cleansing," Ellison quoted Miles as saying.

Ellison is serving a 20-year prison term for racketeering and weapons violations that he committed when he led the Arkansas-based religious-military group called The Covenant, the Sword and the Arm of the Lord in a four-day standoff with police.

Five of the accused are also charged with plotting to kill a federal judge and an FBI agent.

New-found dinosaur egg may hold world's oldest embryo

AMERICAN FORK, Utah (AP) – A dinosaur egg discovered in a quarry may contain the oldest embryo ever found, a scientist says.

An X-ray of a partially collapsed egg, the size of a human fist, has revealed a 2-centimetre-long gray area that appears to be the crude outline of an embryo, said Wade Miller, a Brigham Young University paleontologist.

In the scan, the egg shell appears white. Most of the egg's interior is dark gray except for a tiny area that has the shape of a head and other features, Miller said.

The egg was discovered last September in the Cleveland Lloyd Quarry where scientists have uncovered thousands of allosaurus bones, a meat-eater that stood up to 6 metres high.

Miller said skeletal remains of the dinosaurs that lived during the Jurassic Period, from around 210 million BCE to 145 million BCE, have ranged from 45kg. juveniles to 3-ton adults.

William Lloyd Stokes, professor emeritus at the University of Utah and one of the scientists who excavated most of the bones, said dinosaur eggs usually cannot be associated with a particular species. But he said because this egg was found among a great deposit of allosaurus bones, it likely was from an allosaurus.

It is among the oldest eggs or egg fragments ever discovered, and if it in fact contains an embryo, would be the oldest dinosaur embryo found, Stokes said.

S. Korean students battle police as Roh ready to take power

SEOUL (Reuter) – Thousands of radical students fought police in central Seoul last night as President Chun Doo Hwan bade farewell to South Koreans before handing over power today to former army colleague Roh Tae Woo.

The students, shouting slogans denouncing Chun, Roh and what they called U.S. support for military dictatorship, massed in front of the Catholic cathedral and then tried to take to the streets.

The large force of riot police standing by opened up with volleys of tear gas, witnesses said. Reports spoke of running battles with students raining rocks and petrol bombs on police.

Earlier a handful of students briefly occupied the American cultural centre in central Seoul before being dislodged by police who broke in through a back door.

The country's 140,000 police were on an emergency footing, with orders to guard their arsenals against possible radical attempts to seize weapons for violent protests, a police spokesman said.

Hardline students and the national coalition for democracy, a major dissident grouping, called yesterday's protest to defy "vote-cheater" Roh, who won power last December with 37 per cent of the poll after what the opposition called widespread ballot fraud. Two rival opposition candidates totalled 55 per cent of the vote.

Ex-general Roh, 55, is due to take the oath of office this morning at a grandiose ceremony outside the national assembly in southern Seoul.

At a farewell banquet at a Seoul hotel last night Chun, who took power in a 1979 military coup after Park Chung Hee's assassination, told the nation he did not seek the presidency and was now proud to be the first South Korean leader to hand over the reins to an elected successor.

In an emotionally-charged speech, Chun said, "I have made every possible effort for the country like a farmer tending the flower garden of democracy."

Chun, who has admitted he was an unpopular leader, appealed to South Koreans to avoid further social confusion.

Police pull senator to floor for midnight vote

WASHINGTON (Reuter) – Police forced their way into Senator Bob Packwood's office and carried him onto the floor of the Senate for a quorum call in the chamber's first round-the-clock "filibuster" in a decade.

The bizarre incident came shortly after midnight, when a roll call was one vote short of the 51 needed for a quorum in the 100-seat Senate. A filibuster is the use of delaying tactics, such as endless debate to block a vote on a bill.

Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd, a West Virginia Democrat, directed the sergeant at arms to "arrest" absent senators and bring them to the chamber. Capitol police found Packwood holed up in his office, the door locked and a chair braced against it.

They unlocked the door and forced it open, pushing past a resisting Packwood. The senator's left hand was injured in the scuffle, according to an aide to the Oregon Republican.

When Packwood came to the chamber, he refused to enter on his own. He was carried in by two officers at 1:19 a.m.

"I did not come voluntarily, but my office was surrounded by the sergeant at arms's men." Packwood said.

The Republican filibuster began on Tuesday over a bill limiting election-campaign spending by congressional candidates.

FOREIGN BRIEFS

ELEVEN MEN were given prison terms ranging from three years to life for killing two giant pandas, the official Xinhua News Agency said. The report said a court in northwest Sichuan province, one of the last natural habitats of the endangered species, found the men guilty in two separate incidents of killing the pandas and selling their pelts.

TWO INDIAN STATE governments have appointed senior officials to investigate two separate charges that police had gang raped about 30 village women. The Bihar government suspended 14 policemen and ordered an inquiry into charges that they had raped about 25 women during a raid on a village. The Assam government ordered a probe into the alleged mass rape of five tribal women by police.

THE BRITISH Broadcasting Corporation plans to set up a television world news service, BBC chairman Marmaduke Hussey has announced. He said that this was among several proposals that will take the BBC into the 1990s "flying the flag of quality." Hussey told members of the Institute of Directors that the new television service will operate alongside the corporation's radio network.

A CAR EXPLOSION in downtown West Beirut yesterday killed two people, including a woman who was burned to death, police said. The blast in the Hamra commercial district injured three people, one of whom later died. A man had parked the car, a white Mercedes Benz, near a bank and walked away minutes before the explosion.

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Political commentators linked the bans with two white parliamentary by-elections next week. President P.W. Botha's government faces a strong challenge from the extreme right-wing Conservative Party, which accuses him of being soft towards blacks.

The ruling National Party government has adopted an increasingly tough stance towards black critics, and newspapers had speculated the government would take some action to woo white votes.

A statement from the Conservative Party, which wants to restore total race segregation, dismissed the new regulations as "too late and not enough."

About 3,000 blacks have died in political unrest in South Africa since 1984 but the killings declined sharply in most areas after the imposition of a state of emergency.

UDF supporters have been involved in one of the few remaining troublespots – rural townships around the Natal provincial capital, Pietermaritzburg.

The UDF is locked in a power struggle there with the more conservative Inkatha Movement, backed by the Zulu tribe. Inkatha is led by Zulu chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, whom the government sees as a future partner in power-sharing with blacks. His organization was not among those whose activities were banned.

In London, Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe condemned South Africa's clampdown and urged opposition leaders to keep hoping for peaceful change.

"I am shocked and saddened by...the action taken by the South African government," Howe said in a statement. "Her Majesty's government are totally opposed to repressive measures of this kind."

"We do not see how this suppression of non-violent political activity can possibly contribute to a peaceful solution to South Africa's problems," he said.

Howe said Britain was particularly concerned black opponents of Pretoria's racial policies should not lose hope for peaceful change.

Shridath Ramphal, secretary-general of the Commonwealth, said the crackdown was an act of brutality with horrendous implications. He urged the international community to condemn the move.

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Support in a hot cup of coffee

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

NABLUS – At midnight in the cold, dimly lit bivouac, a soldier resting on a cot accepted a cup of hot coffee and a sandwich from 14-year-old Aviad Ofri.

The bivouac, in an unfinished building near the El-Amari refugee camp, lacked all but the bare necessities. A large flapping plastic sheet loosely covered the opening; there was no toilet, and a steady stream of rain water poured from the ceiling. It was the last place to expect coffee served in bed.

West Bank settlers introduced this gesture three weeks ago, in part to express appreciation for the soldiers' efforts to clear rock-strewn roads and restore order.

At Shavei Shomron, off the Tulkarm-Nablus road, families divided up into seven groups that took turns delivering coffee, sandwiches, sunflower seeds, nuts and cigarettes to units in the area.

"We're trying to give them a boost," said Natan Brender as the Austin carrying the goods crept along the slippery road towards Nablus. "Unless they see us backing them, they'll feel that we're parasites."

Driver Arieh Ofri, deputy chairman of the Samaria Regional Council, said: "The soldiers come up against Arabs all the time. We don't discuss politics, but when they receive the coffee, they realize there are Jews here as well."

Preparations for the "coffee patrol" were completed at 10.30 p.m. when Aviad placed a can of coffee and a bag of sugar into a blue plastic container and his grandmother, Zippora, finished buttering the last pita and inserted sliced tomatoes and cucumbers. But Zippora advised the men not to distribute the cigarettes. "It's not healthy," she said.

Brender and another settler moved into the back seat, holding their M-16 rifles, and we set out towards a unit of the Engineers Corps.

The unit was selected because one of its soldiers had reported food shortages when he hitched a ride with a settler the day before.

The windshield wipers rhythmically pushed aside the snow and rain, and we finally spotted the bivouac. Guards stood near two burning logs, trying to keep warm.

They directed us to a dark concrete staircase that led to the second floor, which was so packed with cots and two-way radios that there was hardly any room to move.

The unit's commanders were in a nearby room, listening to a lieutenant discuss logistical problems.

The settlers hauled the container and sandwiches upstairs and delivered the coffee to the "conference room" and to soldiers huddled in their sleeping bags.

The gesture boosted the troops' low spirits. Service here was "shitty," several men told *The Jerusalem Post*.

"All these Arab sons-of-bitches run after us, throw stones, curse and scratch us. They know we can't do anything to them," one soldier said.

"We work round-the-clock, and then the media write that we hit Arabs," another lamented.

"I haven't had a shower for a week," a third complained.

By now the streets of Nablus were deserted, except for occasional military traffic. Two brown-booted Nahal troopers were spotted at the entrance to their headquarters, and Ofri pulled up beside them. "Want coffee?" he asked.

While the guards enjoyed the warm drink, a sedan pulled up and a weary trooper dragged himself out. He was eager to drop into bed. It seemed as though he would barely make it.

"Come on, have some coffee," coaxed the third settler, Moshe Milo. The soldier declined. "I can't. I haven't slept for two days. My feet are freezing."

Milo went over with the drink.

"It's wonderful that someone here thinks of you," said one of the soldiers. A settler added: "All of them are *our* sons. When my son grows up, I want someone to visit him."

Soldiers and an Arab boy warm their hands in the Old City of Jerusalem yesterday. (Arzt/Media)

Red Line activists – 'an Arab-Jewish model of reality many people no longer believe in'

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Of all the new "peace camp" initiatives of the last three months, the Red Line seems to have taken the leadership in two key aspects: Jewish-Arab cooperation and the ability to turn a spontaneous initiative into a logistical coalition of a variety of groups.

The Red Line's plans for a four-day Galilee-to-Jerusalem "Peace March of Jews and Arabs Against the Occupation," began as a spontaneous response to the events in the territories. The group deliberately avoids any partisan influence.

From the start, the Jews in the group, including poet-editor Yorick Verter of Moshav Klil and Sgan Aluf (res.) Dov Yirmiyah, who during the Lebanon war was assigned to provide aid to refugees, have sought the involvement of the Galilean Arab leadership, as well as Zionist groups from Peace Now and further left.

The Committee of Heads of Arab Local Authorities has been involved almost from the start in the Red Line, which in newspaper advertisements yesterday announced the details of its four-stage march from Rosh Hanikra to Jerusalem.

Each stage will end at a central urban location, where a mass rally will be held.

The first leg begins Sunday in Rosh Hanikra, and ends in Acre, the second starts in Kiryat Bialik and ends in Haifa, the third begins at the Glilot Junction near the Herzliya Country Club and ends at the Tel Aviv Museum, and the fourth begins at Motza and ends in Jerusalem.

What has distinguished the Red Line is its ability to draw into its planning committees activists from other groups, and its readiness to gamble that the drama of a four-day march will draw enough media interest to turn the final stages of the protest into a wider movement of Jewish-Arab cooperation that could continue its activities after the four-day march.

"The peace camp," says Yirmiyah, a septuagenarian who in recent years has been deeply involved in fighting the influence of MK Meir Kahane, "can be compared to groups of partisan fighters lost in a large forest. Each group believes that it is alone.

"When one small group meets up with another," he says, "it can create great optimism. The danger is that it's very easy for two partisan units to fire on each other, mistaking each other for the enemy."

Yirmiyah believes that the Red Line's advantage over other peace groups is its emphasis on Jewish-Arab cooperation.

"For years, Israeli peace groups have chosen not to cooperate directly with non-Zionist groups," he says. "But the issue is between the Jews and the non-Jews, among Israelis both Zionist and not. And the Red Line recognizes that, which is why I've stayed involved."

At each stage of the march both Jewish and Arab speakers will be on the platform, with intellectuals, rather than politicians, in control of the microphones.

While there will be a natural ebb and flow in the size of the marching crowd, Red Line organizers hope to maintain a relative balance between the numbers of Jews and Arabs.

If neccessary, say organizers, they will bus Galilee Arabs to Tel Aviv and to Jerusalem for the last two days of the march, in order to maintain that balance, which they view as an expression of the purpose of the march.

So far the various peace camp groups have not attacked one another, but many of the groups' spokesmen have said they felt that Peace Now, the largest of all the organizations, had not taken any leadership.

Peace Now spokesmen say that in order to draw the largest possible numbers, they must be careful to avoid any direct identification with what they view as more radical groups.

Negotiations between the Red Line and Peace Now, which had been planning its own march, ended with Peace Now giving only tacit, rather than public, support to the Red Line.

Peace Now's objections were mostly over the Red Line's inclusion of the "End the Occupation" slogan in its call for participation. So far, Peace Now demonstrations such as the one planned for Saturday night in Jerusalem, emphasize a more general "Yes to the Shultz Initiative."

But aside from Peace Now, almost all of the other groups are working with the Red Line.

The significance of the Jewish-Arab cooperation, says the Red Line's Verter, "is that there can be a model of reality that many people no longer believe in; that Jews and Arabs can – and indeed must – live together, if, as Amos Oz says, 'they want to live at all.' "

For the Arabs involved in the Red Line, says Hatem Hason of Shfaram, the Jewish-Arab cooperation in the march is important because "as loyal Israeli citizens aware of their brotherhood with the Palestinians, Israeli Arabs can still be a bridge to peace."

Hason says that "walking together" will demonstrate the "extra significance of Jewish-Arab cooperation in these times."

For Hason and other Arab leaders in the Galilee, the Red Line is an opportunity to express what Kafr Yassif's Nimer Murkus called "our concern about the image of the state of Israel, about the future of democracy in this country and the future of the two peoples.

"The march is an expression of mutual respect for the legitimate rights of both peoples," Murkus said.

According to Yirmiya, some 55 groups around the country are working toward Jewish-Arab cooperation. Many of those groups are "education-oriented" and have been contacted by Red Line organizers. Another 25 groups in the "peace camp" are helping plan the Red Line march.

But Yirmiyah's optimism about the Red Line march is tempered by experience.

Peace Now once organized a Rosh Hanikra-to-Jerusalem march to protest against the Lebanon war, recalls Yirmiyah.

"People expected thousands... a few hundred showed up. If 200 Arabs and 200 Jews show up on the first day of the Red Line march I'll be a happy man," he says.

Yirmiyah's personal brand of despair tempered by optimism may be a result of his view of the situation.

"People are always saying that this country is on the verge of an explosion. I don't think we're on the verge. I think we're already experiencing the explosions. It isn't the atomic explosion yet, but I fear that it's coming.

"I've been in all the wars of this country, but I fear the coming war the most, for it will be an apocalyptic one, unlike any we've experienced. It won't be a matter of several thousand killed and then life returns to normal. It will be about the very existence of the state of Israel."

Meanwhile, at Tzavta in Tel Aviv tonight, all the various groups, new and old, are supposed to meet in a convention that will be a test of the peace camp's ability to give tactical and logistical definition, if not ideological and political shape, to the various protests and propaganda efforts that each group is planning for the coming days, weeks and possibly months of political and diplomatic turmoil.

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Dizengoff incident

By JONATHAN KARP

TEL AVIV – Police briefly detained the chief of security of Dizengoff Centre and another guard Tuesday night after two Red Line activists complained they had been attacked after distributing fliers about their Galilee-to-Jerusalem march.

Yaron Rosenbaum, 33, and Tirza Weisel, 28, were slightly injured when four security guards accosted them in the shopping centre.

Weisel and an attorney from the Association for Civil Rights in Israel filed a complaint with the police, who then brought in the centre's security chief, Moshe Hassan, and another guard for questioning. They were later released.

Hassan refused to comment on the incident, which many people witnessed, but Gideon Kotler, head of the Dizengoff Centre Management Company, said, "We have a rule forbidding the distribution of pamphlets. We asked the activists to leave, and they didn't want to.

"We are neutral ground," he added, "and we would have prevented anyone from handing out literature."

New attack from Believers' Resistance – radicals who find Amal too passive

By DAVID RUDGE /Jerusalem Post Reporter

ROSH HANIKRA – The Believers' Resistance – a radical Shi'ite group – has claimed responsibility for the roadside bomb blast that destroyed an IDF tank, killing two soldiers and wounding two others on Monday night.

The group made the claim in a statement to the Beirut press that gave the time and place of the attack. The announcement said an IDF tank had been destroyed, although casualties could not be confirmed.

The Believers' Resistance is reportedly composed mainly of South Lebanese villagers who are loosely attached to the Amal Shi'ite organization. In the past, however, the group's members have cooperated on missions with the radical Iranian-backed Hizbullah.

According to sources in South Lebanon, the group was formed by Shi'ites opposed to what they termed as Amal's "too passive" resistance to the security zone in South Lebanon and the presence of Israeli troops there. The Believers' Resistance apparently resented the fact that Hizbullah, by far the most active terrorist group in South Lebanon, was "stealing the limelight."

Monday night's roadside bomb blast came at a time of increased terrorist activities in the region.

Hizbullah gunmen made several attacks on South Lebanese Army strongholds inside the security zone during the past month. All were repulsed by the SLA troops.

Last week, in an apparent effort to find an easier target, Islamic fundamentalists ambushed a patrol of Christian militiamen from the Jezzine region, which is outside the security zone. Seven of the militiamen were killed.

This was followed by a surprise daylight attempt last Friday to storm an SLA position on the Ali Tahr hill range north of the Beaufort Castle, which also failed. Then last Saturday night, Hizbullah gunners bombarded several SLA positions along the length of the zone with mortars, Katyushas, RPGs rocket-propelled grenades and light weapons fire, without inflicting any casualties.

The shooting, which lasted intermittently for nearly six hours, was described as the heaviest firing in the region for several months.

Meanwhile, Middle East Television and the SLA's Voice of the South radio reported that IDF troops on Friday captured two Palestinians inside the security zone who were apparently trying to infiltrate Israeli territory. There was no confirmation of the reports from other sources.

Sources in South Lebanon said it was likely that the present upsurge in terrorist activities would continue despite, or rather because of, the feud between Amal and the Hizbullah over kidnapped American UN officer Lt.-Col. William "Rich" Higgins.

Amal has been helping in the widespread searches for the missing 43-year-old chief of Untso's observer group in Lebanon. The Hizbullah has tried to make Amal desist by claiming that Higgins was a spy who had worked for the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

"It is extremely likely that instead of coming to blows with one another, both sides will switch their attention to a 'common enemy' and try to gain credit for their respective organizations by showing how hard they can hit the SLA and the IDF in the security zone," said a source.

He noted that the Hizbullah had issued a statement saying that Saturday night's shooting duels with the SLA were its response to the group [Amal] which was spending all its time searching for "an American spy."

The source added that the squabble and Amal's continued involvement in the search for Higgins could give more freedom of action for other groups, like the Believers' Resistance, the Communists and even Palestinians, to launch their own operations.

In a Jerusalem Post story at the beginning of the month, Israeli experts on Lebanese affairs indicated that Shi'ite extremists, notably the Hizbullah, were likely to increase terror activities in soldidarity with the PLO and Palestinians in the territories.

Meanwhile, news agency reports from Lebanon said dozens of residents of Barashit village had fled their homes for fear of reprisals.

Firing was reported in the Barashit area on Tuesday night between gunmen and SLA troops. There were no reports of any casualties.

Katsav says tearing up ID means 'forfeiting rights'

By DVORAH GETZLER
Post Knesset Reporter

Someone who rips up his identity card is thereby expressing his "wish to cease to be regarded as an Israeli citizen," said Social Affairs Minister Moshe Katzav in the Knesset yesterday, explaining why he has stopped direct bank transfers of National Insurance Institute payments to recipients in East Jerusalem and the Golan Heights.

"If he wants to forfeit his rights," the minister continued, "then one has to weigh whether he is entitled to receive all the privileges of a citizen, and no one should be forced to be a citizen against his will."

The urgent parliamentary question on the subject came from Haim Ramon (Alignment). But Ramon was not happy with the answer he received from Katzav.

The minister went on to say that the NII often had difficulties in checking the continued entitlement of its recipients.

East Jerusalem residents, for example, often failed to register changes of address because that might bring with it a loss of entitlement if the move took them away from East Jerusalem. The unrest in the territories, and the tearing up of ID cards, had added to the difficulties, Katzav said.

"In my eyes," said the Likud minister, "a person who rips up his ID card severs the connection between himself and the state."

Ramon, however, thought Katzav's move more appropriate to the Police Ministry than to the Social Affairs Ministry. "In fact," said the Labour MK, "the welfare minister has decided not merely to be the police minister, but also the justice minister and the judge, all rolled into one.

Katzav's move, Ramon asserted, was part of a trend which held that Jews should benefit more from the NII than Arabs. But NII benefits were paid out on the basis of contributions levied, and they were a right, not a matter of charity, he said.

TODAY'S ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL TV

8.00 Teletext **8.05** Keep Fit **8.15** Terms-in Judaism **8.40** First Reading **9.20** Sciences **10.10** English **10.30** At Fistuk's House **11.15** Spoken Arabic **11.30** English **12.00** Sciences **12.25** English **13.00** History **13.30** Songs for Purim **14.00** Teletext **14.05** No Secrets **14.30** Family Problems **15.10** Rehov Sumsum **15.40** Keep Fit **15.50** *Teletext* **16.00** This Is It **17.00** A New Evening

ISRAEL TV

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:

17.30 *Animation by Walt Disney* **18.00** *David Copperfield* (part 4) **18.25** Language Corner

ARABIC LANGUAGE PROGRAMMES:

18.30 News roundup **18.32** Art Magazine **19.00** Meeting – current affairs **19.30** News

HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at

20.00 The "Eilat" Destroyer – documentary **20.55** Language Corner **21.00** Mabat Newsreel **21.30** European Cup, live broadcast from Greece **23.15** Matlock **00.05** News

ISRAEL TV CHANNEL 2

18.30 Kimba - The White Lion *(animation)* **19.00** The Brothers – A 23-part drama (part 18) **20.00** The History of Modern Art (part 2) **21.00** The Technion: a future look **21.30** Pop 2

JORDAN TV (unofficial)

17.30 Cartoons **18.00** French Hour **19.30** News in Hebrew **20.00** News in Arabic **20.30** Martin Luther King **21.10** Documentary **22.00** News in English **22.20** Feature film

MIDDLE EAST TV

13.30 Another Life **14.00** 700 Club **14.30** Shape-Up **15.00** Muppet Babies **15.30** Flying House **16.00** Fraggle Rock **16.30** Afternoon Movie: "Bill On His Own" stars Mickey Rooney and Helen Hunt **18.30** The Facts of Life **19.00** News **20.00** Scarecrow and Mrs. King **21.00** Highway to Heaven **22.00** Moonlighting **23.00** 700 Club **23.30** Another Life

RADIO

VOICE OF MUSIC

6.01 Morning Melodies **7.09** Beethoven: Symphony No.1, *Trio No. 7, "Archduke", Violin Concerto, Song* **9.00** Mozart: Divertimento; Weber: Quintet for Clarinet and Strings; Bach: Suite No.1; Haydn: Concerto No. 1 for Horn; Ravel: String Quartet; Bartok: Piano Concerto No. 3; Milhaud: The Creation **12.00** Schubert: Musical Moments; Rachmaninov: Sonata for Cello and Piano **13.05** Beethoven: 6 Minuets No. 10; Brahms: Variations for Piano on a Theme by Paganini; Tchaikovsky: String Sextet Op.70; Mozart: Symphony No. 25 **15.00** Musical Encounters **16.00** Jerusalem String Trio – works by Beethoven, Kopytman, Kodaly and Schubert (live broadcast) **17.30** Wide Range of Tunes **18.00** Music Anthology **19.00** Light Classical Music **20.05** Musical Medley **20.30** Operas by Haydn and Schoenberg **23.00** Golden Generation – *Vladimir Horowitz in Live Performances*

RADIO 1st

6.03 Programmes for Olim **7.30** Programme in Easy Hebrew **8.05** Compass **9.05** Information for Listeners **10.05** Israeli Songs and Dances **11.05** Morning Pearls **12.05** Mideast Medley **13.00** News in English **13.30** News in French **14.06** Youth Magazine **15.30** Everyman's University **16.05** An Unknown Land **17.00** News in English **17.05** News in French **17.10** Songs for the Afternoon **18.06** Jewish Traditions **19.05** The *Mishna* Portion for today **19.20** Bible Readings **19.30** Programmes for Olim **22.05** I Have a Dream

RADIO 2nd

6.04 Editorial Review **6.10** Gymnastics **6.30** News roundup **6.52** Green Light – drivers' corner **7.00** This Morning – news magazine **8.05** Making an Issue **9.05** House Call – with Rivka Michaeli **10.05** All Shades of the Network **12.10** O.K. on Two **13.00** Midday – news commentary **14.06** Arts and Culture magazine **14.30** Humour **15.05** Songs and Homework **16.05** Economics Magazine **17.05** Magic Moments **18.06** Spotlight **18.45** Sports **19.00** Today – radio newreel **19.35** Hebrew songs **20.05** Folklore Magazine **22.05** The Fifth Night **00.15** Songs for the End of the Day

ARMY

6.05 *University on the Air* **6.30** *Open Your Eyes – songs*, information **7.07** "707" **8.00** Good Morning Israel **9.05** In the Morning **10.05** Hebrew songs **11.05** Right Now **13.05** In memory of fallen soldiers whose place of burial is unknown **14.05** Daily Meeting **15.05** Festival songs **16.05** Four in the Afternoon **17.00** Evening Newsreel **18.05** Economic Magazine **19.05** Army and Defence Magazine (repeat) **20.05** Music College **21.00** Mabat – TV newsreel **21.30** University on the Air **22.05** Popular songs **23.05** *The 24th Hour* **00.05** *Night Birds* – songs, chat

ARMY TWO

19.05 Radio Radio **20.05** Emergency Call-Up **22.05** Coffee Break **23.05** All that Jazz

THE VOICE OF PEACE

Regular daily programmes
3.00-6.00 Nightbeat
15.00-16.00 Kassah Programme
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19.30-21.00 Classical Music

CINEMA PERFORMANCES

JERUSALEM

Beit Agron: Dumbo 4:30; Monty Python - Time Bandits 6:30; Koyaanisqatsi 8:30; Goin' South 10; Rita, Sue and Bob, Too 12 midnight. **Cinematheque:** L'Ogre (Swiss film month) 7; Death of a Salesman (director present) 9:15; In the Name of the Father 9:30; Angel Heart 12 midnight. **Edison:** Death Wish 4:30, 7, 9. **Habira-Cinema Empire:** Closed for Renovations. **Jerusalem Theatre:** Hope and Glory 7, 9:15. **Kfir:** Fatal Attraction 4:30, 7, 9:30. **Mitchell:** Duet for One 7, 9:15. **Orgil:** Stakeout 4:30, 7, 9:15. **Orion Or 1:** *Joshua, Joshua* 4:30, 7, 9:15. **Orion Or 2:** Made in Heaven 4:30, 7, 9:15. **Orion Or 3:** The Skipper 4:30, 6:45, 8:45. **Orion Or 4:** The Beauty of Sin 4:30, 6:45, 9. **Orion Or 5:** Pink Floyd: The Wall 11 p.m.; *Rage of Honor* 4:30, 6:45, 8:45. **Orna:** The Shining - adults only, 4:30, 6:45, 9. **Ron:** The Suspect 4:30, 7, 9:15. **Semadar:** Tampopo 7, 9:15.

TEL AVIV

Beit Liessin: Spaceballs 11:15 p.m. **Ben-Yehuda:** Fatal Attraction 4:30, 7, 9:30. **Chen 1:** Inner Space 2, 5, 7:30, 9:50. **Chen 2:** Inner Space 5, 7:25, 9:50. **Chen 3:** Can't Buy Me Love 5, 7:25, 9:50. **Chen 4:** Maid to Order 11, 2, 5, 7:25, 9:50. **Chen 5:** Bedroom Window 11, 2, 5, 7:30, 9:55. **Cinema One and Cinema Two:** Closed for Renovations. **Dekel:** The Suspect 7, 9:30. **Dizengoff 1:** Jean de Florette 11, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:45. **Dizengoff II:** Maurice 11, 1:45, 7:15, 9:45. **Dizengoff III:** *Hope and Glory* 11, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:45, 12:15. **Drive-In:** Death Wish IV 7:15, 9:30; Sex film 12 midnight. **Esther:** A Night on the Town 5, 7:30, 9:40. **Gat:** The Last Emperor 6, 9. **Hakolnoa ZOA House:** 84 Charing Cross Road 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; Stripes 11:45 p.m. **Hod:** Dirty Dancing 5, 7:15, 9:30. **Lev I:** Working Girls 2, 5, 8, 10. **Lev II:** Wings of Desire 2, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45. **Lev III:** *Dancing in the* Dark 2, 5, 7:40, 9:50. **Lev IV:** Tampopo 7:30, 9:50; The Beekeeper 2, 5. **Limor Hamehudash:** No Way Out 4:30, 7, 9:30; 9½ Weeks, 12 midnight. **Maxim:** The Untouchables 4:30, 7:15, 9:15. **New Gordon:** Jagged Edge 4:30, 7:15, 9:30. **Orly:** Made in Heaven 5, 7:15, 9:30. **Peer:** The Beauty of Sin 4:30, 7:15, 9:30. **Shahaf:** Barfly 5, 7:15, 9:30. **Sivan:** *Streetwise* 5, 7:30, 9:40. **Tamuz:** Big Girl - Crows 7:30, 9:40. **Tchelet:** Weeds 5, 7:25, 9:45. **Tel Aviv:** Death Wish IV, 5, 7:15, 9:30. **Tel Aviv Museum:** Black Eyes 4:30, 7, 9:30. **Zafon:** Manon 4:30, 7, 9:30.

HAIFA

Atzmon 1: Death Wish IV 4:30, 7, 9:15. **Atzmon 2:** Spaceballs 4:30, 7: 9:15. **Atzmon 3:** No Way Out 4:30, 6:45, 9:10. **Chen Hamehudash:** *Manon 6:30, 9.* **Keren Or Hamehudash:** The Beauty of Sin 4:30, 7, 9:15; Peeping Toms 11:30 p.m.. **Orah:** Joshua, Joshua 4:30, 7, 9:15. **Orly:** The Untouchables 6:30, 9. **Peer:** Stakeout 4:15, 6:45, 9:15. **Rav-Gat 1:** The Suspect 4, 6:30, 9. **Rav-Gat 2:** The Last Emperor 5, 8:15. **Ron:** Fatal Attraction 4:30, 7, 9:15. **Shavit:** Maurice 6:45, 9:15.

RAMAT GAN

Lily: Beauty of Sin 7:15, 9:30. **Oasis:** 4:30, 7:25, 9:45. **Ordea:** Fatal Attraction 7, 9:30. **Rav-Gan 1:** The Last Emperor 6, 9. **Rav-Gan 2:** Dirty Dancing 5, 7:30, 9:50. **Rav-Gan 3:** Can't Buy Me Love 5, 7:25, 9:55. **Rav-Gan 4:** No Way Out 5, 7:25, 9:55.

HERZLIYA

Dan Accadia Cinema Club: *Best Seller 7*, 9:30. **Daniel Hotel (The Auditorium)** Maurice 6:45, 9:30. **David:** No Way Out 7:15, 9:30. **Hechal:** Fatal Attraction 4:30, 7, 9:30. **New Tiferet:** Inner Space 7:15, 9:30.

HOLON

Armon Hamehudash: The Beauty of Sin 7:30, 9:30. **Migdal:** Burglar 7:15, 9:30. **Savoy:** Fatal Attraction 4:30, 7, 9:30.

BAT YAM

Atzmaut: Dirty Dancing 5, 7:15, 9:30.

GIVATAYIM

Hadar: Fatal Attraction 4:30, 7, 9:30.

RAMAT HASHARON

Kochav: Last Unicorn 4:15; Hot Pursuit 7; Raising Arizona 9:30.

PETAH TIKVA

G.G.Hechal 1: Fatal Attraction 5, 7:15, 9:30. **G.G.Hechal 2:** Spaceballs 5, 7:15, 9:30. **G.G.Hechal 3:** *Death Wish IV* 5, 7:15, 9:30.

RISHON LEZION

G.G.Ron 1: Aladdin 5; Fatal Attraction, 7, 9:30. **G.G.Ron 2:** Dumbo 5; Joshua, Joshua 7:15, 9:30.

NETANYA

Dor-Hechal Tarbut: She's Gotta Have It 9:30.

BEERSHEBA

Hechal Hatarbut (Labour Council): Streetwise 7, 9:15.

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ARCHEOLOGY (ROCKEFELLER) MUSEUM. Opening of Greek and Roman Sculpture: Brummer *Collection: Marble sculptures* from 4th c. BCE-3rd c. CE. Crusader Art ◇ Animals in Ancient Art. VISITING HOURS: Sun.-Thur. 10-5. Fri., Sat. 10-2. At 11: Guided tour (English)

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Cold welcome for a Nazi hunter

LONDON – They don't roll out the red carpet *when* Efraim Zuroff comes calling at the Home Office.

In fact, for more than a year, only their admirable British politeness kept them from closing the door firmly in his face. For Zuroff is the man who brought the issue of Nazi war criminals out of the dusty files of the past and into the London of the present, providing the Home Office with a list of 17 names of men he believed had committed war crimes and were now living in the UK.

Now 40, Zuroff has spent most of his life studying the Holocaust, completing an MA in Holocaust Studies at Hebrew University where he also began a PhD, becoming the first director of the Wiesenthal Centre in Los Angeles, and then joining the U.S. Office of Special Investigations as a war crimes researcher. He now heads the Wiesenthal Centre's Jerusalem office.

It was at Yad Vashem that he came across the documentation that would yield the names of 256 (so far) war crimes suspects believed to be living in the West. The information was contained in neglected archive files on refugees, stored so that Jewish survivors could trace friends and relatives.

"The files were full of details on non-Jewish displaced persons," Zuroff said in an interview here last week. "They recorded which countries these people had gone to after the war, and when I checked the files against the names of 50 Latvian and Lithuanian war criminals, I found that about 40 per cent of them were there."

Eventually, Zuroff was able to pass lists of names to each Western country where war crimes suspects had fled. In America, Canada and Australia, government investigation teams were set up, laws were amended, and the long road to indictments was embarked upon.

IN BRITAIN, the response was rather different. Far from accepting its responsibility to investigate the suspects, the Home Office dismissed the Wiesenthal Centre's list. Get some evidence, Zuroff was told, then we'll investigate further.

He was fobbed off for over a year, but last month Home Secretary Douglas Hurd finally set up a government investigation, and Zuroff, with exquisite timing, arrived here last week to add two more names to the list of suspects.

Fearful though he is that the inquiry is just another delaying tactic, and that in a year's time the investigators will report that insufficient evidence exists to merit prosecutions, Zuroff is pleased to see Britain "finally moving in the right direction," and is especially cheered that the inquiry is to send researchers to the Soviet Union, where much of the documentation and almost all *the surviving witnesses are to be* found.

He has no doubts about the need

David Horovitz

to continue hunting Nazis, even more than 40 years after the event, and his arguments are hard to counter. "Speaking as a Jew, I feel it is unconscionable to allow mass murderers to live out their days in freedom."

Even more importantly, he adds, "world governments have a duty to insure that innocents are not murdered. And governments must show that murder is not to be countenanced, however many years ago it took place. That is the only way to prevent the same thing happening again."

Zuroff, therefore, derives much satisfaction from his involvement in what he sees as a "revolution" on the war crimes issue in recent years. "Twenty years ago, the whole subject was still being swept emphatically under the carpet. Now governments feel that it is more manageable, that the surviving suspects are fewer in number, and that the whole business will be over and done with in 10 years time. A new generation of investigators is working with fresh energy."

Zuroff is proud to be known as a "Nazi-hunter," *and that is what he* will continue to be, so long as the suspects are still alive.

Can Maccabi shake themselves back into form against Aris Saloniki tonight?

By DON GOULD

Often when a basketball club is *turning in indifferent performances,* a mid-season change of personnel is employed as a tactic to shake the team out of its doldrums.

Evidently looking to achieve just that, the Maccabi Tel Aviv management sent their American assistant coach Bruce Victor packing this week saying that he wasn't getting along with either coach Ralph Klein or the management.

Whether this is really the kind of shot in the arm Maccabi are looking for is rather doubtful. The head coach yes, a key player dropped, yes, a key figure official, yes, but the assistant coach at this late stage? This is a most questionable device.

Not necessarily that Victor was either a major asset to Maccabi or not – that is largely irrelevant – but they really to need to get their act together now as crunch time has arrived in their quest for the pinnacle of European club basketball.

Last night with Partizan playing at Orthez in France and Tracer Milano preparing to whip hapless Dutch Den Bosch, the 10th round got under way with only two things certain. Partizan will be in the final four play-off in Ghent early in April and Den Bosch will not. The rest is still up for grabs, with Maccabi still in the thick of the fight. From this point on there will not be room for mistakes.

Tonight Maccabi get one of their better opportunities for a road victory when they meet Greek champions Aris Saloniki in Saloniki. Neither Maccabi nor Aris have been that sharp in the recent weeks. Aris lost their first home game last week to a resurgent Barcelona by 14 points after being victimized the week before by Orthez in France by 15 points. Maccabi were beaten twice in local league away games and were pulverized by Barcelona two weeks ago in Spain. But they came back on the right track last week when they devastated Den Bosch at the Yad Elyahu Sports Palace with a 33 point victory.

From an historical point of view, Maccabi have done well in Saloniki. They first played there in 1966 and came back with a 20 point victory. The two teams didn't meet again until 1980 when Maccabi won by one point. In the 1983/4 season, Aris beat Maccabi both at home and away.

The key player for Aris tonight is the same one who gave Maccabi fits in 1983/4 and the same one who threw in 44 points when these two teams met at Yad Elyahu last December. He is of course, Nick Galis, one of the two top shooting guards in all of Europe. Maccabi got away with a 95 to 91 victory in that one and now have very little margin with which to work.

In the December encounter Galis got a lot of scoring help from team-mate Panietis Yannakis who popped in 28, many of them from long range. For Maccabi Kevin Magee with 36 and Ken Barlow with 19 led the way to victory. Aris are not strong underneath the baskets and it can only be hoped that Maccabi will throw away their recent tactic of trying to beat everyone with their outside game.

The game is scheduled to be broadcast live on both radio and television beginning at 9:30 p.m.

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5. Mottie Daniel	1.98	5. Panietis Yannakis	1.93
7. Mottie Aroesti	1.87	6. Nick Gallis	1.85
8. Greg Cornelius	2.04	7. Shuvodon Subotic	2.01
9. Mickey Berkowitz	1.92	9. Michael Romanidis	2.00
10. Chen Lippin	1.84	10. Petros Stamatis	1.96
11. Gilad Katz	1.90	11. Nikos Filipou	2.04
12. Doron Jamchee	1.93	12. Dimitris Bousvaros	1.83
13. Kevin Magee	2.05	14. Girogi Tioxasis	1.83
14. Yitshak Cohen	2.04	15. Greg Wiltzer	2.13
15. Ken Barlow	2.07		
COACH: Ralph Klein		COACH: Yanis Yoanidis	

WINTER OLYMPICS

Nykaenen: king of the hills

CALGARY (Reuter) – *Natalia* Bestemianova and Andrei Bukin, the Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers of ice dance, added the Olympic title to their world and European championships on Tuesday.

The Russians produced the latest in a long line of showstopping routines which captivated the 20,000 audience in the Saddledome Arena.

In stark contrast to the grease *paint and sequins of the figure skating,* it was the raw courage and visually stomach churning sight of Finland's Matti Nykaenen which excited a crowd of 80,000 around the 90-meter ski jump tower. Thwarted at Sarajevo four years ago when East German Jens Weissflog prevented him becoming a double gold medallist by winning the 70-meter event, Nykaenen was finally crowned king of the hills on Tuesday.

Two nerve-tingling leaps of 118.5 and 107 meters – the length of a soccer pitch – saw Nykaenen become the third double gold medallist of the XVth games, joining East German biathlete Frank-Peter Roetsch and Swedish speedskater Thomas Gustafson.

But the baby-faced carouser, who has overcome a drink problem to become the first man to win both titles at the same Olympics, had to settle for the runners-up role in the affections of the crowd.

The loudest cheers and most heart-felt fears were reserved for Eddie Edwards, the great British eccentric, who plummeted 71 and 67 meters while giving a reasonable impersonation of a man falling out of a plane.

The slightly overweight and bespectacled *British plasterer, happily admits he is the worst* jumper on the circuit. Nykaenen, with less disarming honesty, said: "I knew I'd won it after the first jump."

Amos again fails the tie-break test

Amos Mansdorf, seeded fifth at the $600,000 U.S. Pro Indoor Championships in Philadelphia again fell foul to two tie-breaks and lost his first match in the second round of the tournament. Mansdorf, who drew a bye in the opening round, was beaten 7-6(7-5), 7-6(7-2) by Mexico's top player Jorge Lozano. In the first round, the Mexican had scored another upset, beating Australian Wally Masur 6-4, 6-2.

In his previous tournament in Memphis where Mansdorf was seeded sixth, he also went down to two consecutive tie-breaks in the quarter-finals to unseeded American doubles specialist Robert Seguso.

Other results: (2)Tim Mayotte beat Leif Shiras 6-4, 6-4; Peter Lindgren (Sweden) beat (4) Eduardo Bengoechea (Arg.) 6-1, 6-0; Joey Rive beat (3) Eliot Teltscher 4-6, 6-2, 6-3; Marty Davis beat (7) Peter Lundgren (Sweden) 7-6(7-1), 5-7, 7-6(7-2); and (11) Paul Annacone beat Scott Davis 6-1, 3-6, 6-2.

Port Vale out of Cup

LONDON (AP) – Watford, outplayed for long periods of the match, scored the goals that mattered and beat third division Port Vale 2-0 in an English F.A. Cup fifth round replay on Tuesday night.

Watford play away to Wimbledon in the quarter-finals on March 12.

Other results on Tuesday night – Division One: Tottenham Hotspur 1, Manchester United 1. Division Two: Stoke 2, Leeds 1. Scottish FA Cup fourth-round replay: Partick 4, Clydebank 1.

NHL – Tuesday's games: Philadelphia 11, Detroit 6; Hartford 3, Boston 2; (OT)Winnipeg 4, Pittsburgh 3; Montreal 3, Quebec 1; NY Islanders 6, Vancouver 1; Edmonton 6, St. Louis 4. NBA – Tuesday's games: Atlanta 131, Indiana 111; Portland 114, New Jersey 102; New York 89, Milwaukee 87; (OT)Chicago 104, Seattle 97; LA Lakers 111, Washington 100; Detroit 121, Sacramento 105.

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MUSIC REVIEWS

Not quite convincing

LA TRAVIATA, opera in three acts by Giuseppi Verdi produced by The New Israel Opera with the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, The Opera Choir, The Rinat National Choir. Conductor: Arthur Fagen; directors: Steven Pimlott and Michael Downs; set and costumes: Tim Reed; Lighting: Brian Harris; Choreography: Claude Chagrin (Mann Auditorium, Tel Aviv, February 22).

THIS NEW version of *La Traviata,* first performed last year within the framework of the Israel Festival can be defined as a partial success – not bad, but not sufficiently convincing. It gave a mixed impression. The stage scenery was splendid, the choir scenes vocally and visually beautiful and imaginative, and the minor roles all satisfactorily cast. Mezzo-soprano Varda Kotler as Flora, baritone Raphael Frieder as the Baron, bass Edi Chama as the Doctor and soprano Asia Davidov as Violetta's maid, Annina, all performed creditably. The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, under its conductor Arthur Faeger, proved not only wholly supportive but conveyed many fine nuances and set the right atmosphere for all the three acts, the prelude and interlude.

The star was baritone David Pittman-Jennings as Alfredo's father, Germont. He sounded utterly confident and dedicated throughout, dramatically natural but at the same time movingly passionate. Exquisite in voice and poignantly sincere, he makes a perfect Germont.

All this could have resulted in a first-class production. The weak spots were the two leading roles, Violetta and Alfredo. Without denying soprano Gustafson's merits, she was far from convincing. Her voice lacks sensous tenderness, clarity of line and beauty of timbre. Her heavy vibrato, which she discarded only in her pianissimo passages, was irritating and she never achieved a convincing musical-dramatic combination.

Even less successful was tenor Gabi Sadeh as Alfredo. His acting could not have been better but his voice simply lacks expressiveness. While he should have been exerting every nerve of the music, *his singing was never* exciting. Although both singers improved remarkably in the second act, the third and final acts were barely moving.

To sum up: While choral scenes and ensembles were all gratifying, the arias and duets, which should be *La Traviata's* highlights, remained mostly ineffectual.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

THE HAIFA CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY. Concert No. 7. Pro Arte Quartet. Herald Herzl, Brigitte Schmid – violin; Peter Langgartner, viola; Barbara Lubke, cello. Haifa, Wizo School of Design, February 20. Mozart: String Quartet in C major K.465; Wolf: Italian Serenade; Schubert: String Quartet in G major Op.161 posth. (DV 887).

ON THEIR first visit to Israel the Pro Arte Quartet from Salzburg presented a programme of music by one German and two Austrian composers. The musicians immediately captivated the capacity audience. A high degree of professionalism and teamwork characterize the playing of this fine chamber group of young musicians.

Under the unostentatious leadership of Herzl the Pro Arte Quartet started the evening with the Mozart quartet, presented with understanding and style though occasionally strained.

Hugo Wolf's "Italian Serenade" for string quartet, a gay and entertaining piece, was a given a clear, lively and thoroughly enjoyable interpretation. Herzl's solo showed technical skill and involvement.

The highlight of the evening was Schubert's last quartet which provided an opportunity for each player to show his solistic identity. Barbara Lubke rendered the important cello part ably and with a warm, singing tone. The whole presentation had clarity, fine musical phrasing, and sensitivity and achieved a well-earned success with the audience. The concert was sponsored by the Austrian Embassy.

ESTHER REUTER

The MacDonald's of education

NEW YORK – The Learning Annex, the off-beat school which has offered such courses as How to Flirt and How to Find a Lover, is now inviting students to sip wholesome juices.

"Learning bars" *are the newest* innovation of Bill Zanker, the 33-year-old whiz-kid founder of the fastest-growing adult education business in the U.S. and the only school whose stock is publicly traded.

His grand vision is to become the McDonald's of adult education, serving identical courses anywhere in the world. All 15 annex headquarters, from New York to San Diego, look the same – red walls, banks of state-of-the-art computers for telephone registration, and young staff members. The average employee age is 31.

The bars in three New York sites will offer inexpensive classes, along with juice, to give students the chance to mingle during breaks. They are the next phase in Zanker's master plan for the Learning Annex. He plans about 1,500 annexes in the U.S., bringing education "back to the community."

But Zanker does not intend to stop there. He is also planning schools overseas – including one in London, due to open in May. "Eventually, every person who lives in a [U.S.] town big enough to support a movie theatre will be able to take a Learning Annex course," he said.

Learning Annex sales grew from $1.4m. in 1984 to $5.5m. in 1985. Though the company did not make a profit in that time, Zanker said this was due to outlays for expansion. Last year, 300,000 people took his courses.

"Right now, the sky's the limit, not only geographically, but in age as well," Zanker said.

The Learning Annex had humble beginnings. At 26, Zanker was a post-graduate student in jeans and t-shirt, with no clear direction, and enrolled in a film course at New York's New School for Social Research.

One day his father sat him down for a talk.

"He told me was that it was time to stop being a bum," Zanker said.

Zanker decided to start a business based on the only subject he felt he knew – education. He persuaded several New School faculty members to teach in their spare time, printed brochures advertising the courses, and handed them out on 42nd Street dressed as a clown. Then he rented a tiny basement office and waited for the phone to ring. And ring it did.

The school's courses change monthly to reflect whatever Zanker and his staff believe to be the latest trends and interests. Although it made its reputation by offering wacky courses like the flirtation lessons, Zanker admits they are mostly an attention-grabbing ploy. Most people enroll in more practical classes like Intro to the IBM PC.

But Zanker, who is proud that he employs no teachers with master's degrees in business and says marketing plans come from his staff sitting around throwing ideas at each other, said the annex will continue to distinguish itself this way.

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Day labourers do dirty work at plants

Japan's nuclear gypsies

By PETER MCGILL

TOKYO – *Cheap labour and lax* safety standards at Japan's 36 nuclear reactors are not subjects the industry or government wish publicized.

To do the dirty jobs of maintenance and cleaning in the plants, *more than 50,000* subcontract workers are employed every year. Unlike the 5,000 full-time plant staff, who show visitors around spotlessly clean, advanced control rooms, these "nuclear gypsies" are paid by the day (about $65 for four hours work inside the reactor), have no employment or health insurance and may be fired at whim.

Officials at the big power companies disclaim all *responsibility* for their welfare. "Better ask Toshiba or Hitachi about *their subcontractors* for us," says the spokesman for Tokyo Electric Power, *the world's* largest private utility company, which obtains 84 per cent of its power from nuclear reactors.

Yoshiaki Tsukuda, of Kansai Electric Power, claims that the thousands of subcontractors employed by his company "all get monthly pay, the *same as normal Japanese* companies." Seiki Saito, who leads a small union for casual nuclear workers, dismissed this as "a complete lie."

Freelance writer Kenji Higuchi, who has chronicled the plight of "nuclear gypsies" for more than 17 years, uncovered cases of small farmers and ex-coal miners, lured by the big money offered at the plants, who claim to have been exposed to dangerous levels of radiation.

With temperatures of over 50 degrees Centigrade inside the reactor, workers would sometimes *remove* parts of their heavy protective clothing. *Foremen would also force work* to be continued when the radiation alarm was sounding "to get the job done." Many former part-time workers at the plants now suffer from unexplained skin ailments, leukaemia, lumbago and body aches.

Union leader Saito claims the power companies are "now much more *sensitive* about *radiation* levels" and safety conditions have improved. *He* claims however that subcontractors are still made to work in unbearably hot temperatures, when they loosen their safety masks to breathe more freely. The masks are afterwards put in washing machines, which destroys them.

If physical checks reveal any possible injury from radiation, he also says the workers are summarily sacked. "That's why the companies like to *recruit from far-away places.* There's much less trouble that way," *he explains.*

(London Observer Service)

Sparks fly over kibbutz bond issue

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

The air was heavy with scorn and abuse at the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday, as the Likud again blocked approval of a bond issue planned by Techen, the Kibbutz Artzi marketing body.

The tension reached its peak in an exchange between MK Yeoshua *Matza (Herut) and* MK Edna Solodar (Labour), when Matza raised his voice to attack MK Yair Tsaban (Mapam), Kibbutz Artzi and the Labour *MKs*. Solodar informed Matza she was not frightened by his shouting.

"Barking dogs don't bite," she told him.

To which he responded: "You're a bitch yourself."

The Likud has blocked approval of the bond issue in retaliation for the High Court petition filed last week by Tsaban, which led to an injunction stopping allocation of NIS 3 million to Labour- and Likud-affiliated bodies. In the petition, Tsaban claimed the allocation was illegal, *since it ran counter to the guidelines* set by the attorney-general and the *Supreme Court on* the distribution of government funds.

Yesterday, Matza took a new tack in arguing against approval of the bond issue. Kibbutz Artzi finances Peace Now, he said, which in turn organizes demonstrations against the government while Tsaban makes inciting speeches.

The Likud MKs also accused Tsaban of applying for the injuction only after the Labour-affiliated bodies had received their share of the money, while those connected to the Likud were still waiting for theirs. MK Ariel Weinstein (Liberals) accused Tsaban of breaking unwritten rules by taking the matter out of the committee and into the High Court.

The request for approval of Kibbutz Artzi's NIS 20m. bond issue was raised on Tuesday, where it immediately encountered opposition from the Likud. At the opening of yesterday's debate MK Haim Ramon (Labour) termed the Likud's action "odious."

Committee chairman MK Avraham Shapira (Aguda) said he would include the issue again on the agenda of Monday's meeting.

Shemen finds oil and the law don't mix

By MARTHA MEISELS

TEL AVIV – It takes two to tango, but not if the Health Ministry has any say in it.

The ministry has ordered Shemen Industries Ltd. to stop marketing a new brand of cooking oil called Tango, saying its mixture of soya and corn oils violates government regulations. There are separate standards for soya *and corn oils*, according to the ministry's food administration, and both prohibit the addition of any other substance.

"We are complying with the law," Shemen's marketing manager Ze'ev Neumann said yesterday in a terse statement. He indicated, however, that the company had no plans to recall the large quantities of Tango already on grocery shelves or in the *hands of* distributors.

The oil, in one-litre bottles, has already reached most stores, and a major advertising campaign for it was launched on Monday.

The company contends that the existing standards do not prohibit the manufacture of a new type of oil combining the two ingredients.

Shemen has meanwhile applied to the ministry to introduce a new standard

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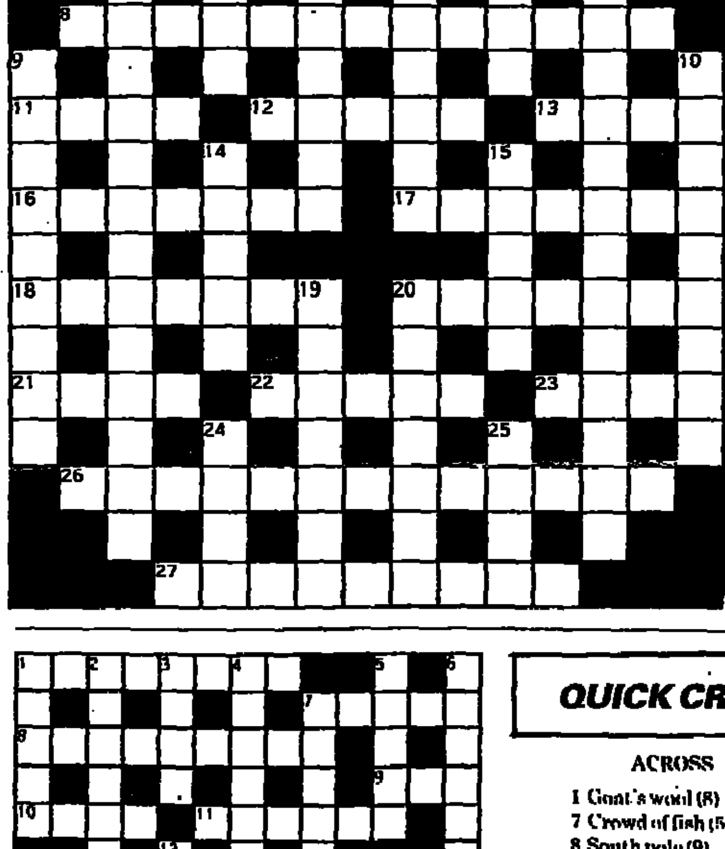

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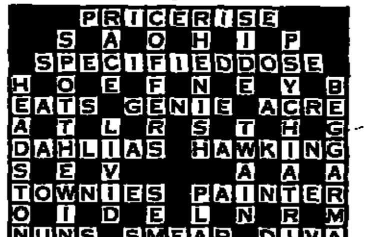

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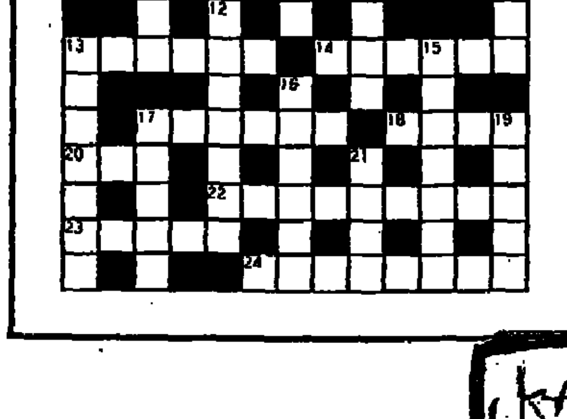
ACROSS: 1 Starter, 5 Fight, 8 Rider, 9 Initial, 10 Preparing, 12 Tub, 13 Depend, 14 Flurry, 17 End, 18 Bystander, 20 Chelsea, 21 Shelf, 23 Satin, 24 Ennoble. DOWN: 1 Scrap, 2 Add, 3 Terrain, 4 Raisin, 5 Fling, 6 Glittered, 7 Tallboy, 11 Expedient, 13 Defaces, 15 Liaison, 16 Escape, 18 Basin, 19 Rifle, 22 Ebb.



QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Goat's wool (8)
7 Crowd of fish (5)
8 South pole (9)
9 Revolver (3)
10 Boat (4)
11 Critical moment (6)
13 Firm (6)
14 Cheerful (6)
17 Repartee (6)
18 Satirical sketch (4)
20 Rival (3)
22 Contrived (9)
23 Hard rind (5)
24 Royal lady (8)

DOWN

1 Muscular contraction (5)
2 Diabolical (7)
3 Extra (4)
4 Rejoinder (6)
5 Hardy (5)
6 Soft soap (7)
7 Perfumed (7)
12 Pass across (7)
13 Assistance (7)
15 Vexatious (7)
16 Mendicant (6)
17 Male admirers (5)
19 Chores (5)
21 Presently (4)

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Changes at Mivneh Ta'asia after share issue

By *JUDY MALTZ*
For The Jerusalem Post

Mivneh Ta'asiya Ltd., the government-owned industrial construction company, intends to make an initial public offering this month of 5 per cent of its shares.

***Through an issuing of stocks,* options and bonds, the company aims to raise NIS 33 million. The market value of the company, which is committed to selling off one-quarter of its shares within the next three years, has been estimated at NIS 110m.**

Mivneh Ta'asiya, which was established by the government in 1961 for the purpose of planning and developing industrial and commercial areas, has earned NIS 10m. in the past two years. Its sales grew 25 per cent in 1987 to NIS 40 m.

Managing Director Yosef Pinchuk noted that once the company went public, its six-year-old agreement with the government, under which the Ministry of Industry and Trade had the right to order it to participate in certain projects, will no longer be in force. The government had financed these projects and subsi*dized the company to compensate for* the very low rental fees it was required to charge.

Pinchuk said that with the annul*ment of this* agreement, *the* company was now free to operate under purely business considerations, which would be reflected in the upward adjustment of its leases.

This has prompted development town industrialists and municipal leaders to voice serious concern this week that once the company was run like a normal business enterprise, it would no longer find it profitable to undertake projects in their regions.

According to an assessment recently conducted, the value of Mivneh Ta'asiya's property assets *amounts to NIS 361m. The company* plans to invest NIS 60m. this year in *new industrial buildings* around the country, with part of this money coming from the public offering.

Currently at the top of its priority *list is* the construction of a unique plant, based on the integration of robotics and automation of the production of hard metals, for the Nahariya-based Iscar Ltd.

Medical convention

By JUDY SIEGEL
Post Science and Health Reporter

The secretary-general of the World Medical Association, which has 2.2 million members around the world, has promised he will do all he can to ensure that its next convention *will be held in Jerusalem in* 1989.

The association decided over two years ago to hold it in Israel, but there have been calls to cancel it because of the disturbances in the territories.

But Dr. Andre Wynen, a Belgian surgeon who spent two years in a concentration camp for helping Jews escape the Nazis, told Health Minister Shoshana Arbeli-Almoslino last week that he wanted his *organization to hold its convention* in Israel.

THE TAX BURDEN/Jeff Broide

Was it leased or bought?

A significant ruling was given last December in the Tel Aviv District Court by Judge Heggin, the implications of which are important for taxpayer and consultant alike.

The case involved two taxpayers who, in partnership, set up a business to supply office services, including the photocopying. The copying machines were placed on university campuses *and elsewhere.* Some of the machines were purchased outright and others were acquired under lease-buy agreements with financing companies.

The question that arose in this case was whether these machines were, in fact, leased to the respondents. In that case the rental payments during the term of the lease would be treated as *rental* payments and, therefore, deductible for income tax purposes. The tax authorities, however, *insisted that the machine were in* effect being purchased under the lease-buy pacts.

The respondents claimed that if, in fact, the lease-buy contracts were to be regarded as outright purchase deals, then they should be allowed to deduct not only regular depreciation, but accelerated depreciation for excess use of the equipment as well as the interest and linkage differences on the credit payments made to the suppliers of the machines.

The two agreements discussed in court were both for three years, the first containing an option to purchase the machines at the end of the lease for a token NIS 1. The other had no such option, but the calculation was based on a low annual interest rate of 13.76 per cent. In both agreements, the full amount of the purchase price *of the machines* was covered. All the parties agreed that at the end of three years photocopying machines, in fact, have a *negligible value.*

The tax authorities held that the option to purchase *the machines at the end of the lease was not a real* or valid because the value involved was negligible. In fact, acquisition had *really taken place, in their view, at the* beginning of the period.

In addition the authorities noted that the full price of the machines had been paid at the beginning of the period – rather than at the end when they had no value – further indicated that this was an outright sale at the outset. If the life of the machine had already come to an end, and if *the full* purchase price had already been paid, then there was no longer anything tangible to buy at the end of the lease period.

The respondents did, in fact, indicate that they based their refusal to recognize these agreements as lease-buy transactions in terms of the well-known Section 86. This enables them to disallow transactions that are artificial or of a fictitious nature and whose main purpose is to *reduce taxes.*

Significantly, the tax authorities also maintained that according to generally accepted accounting principles, such lease-buy transactions had to be reflected in the financial statements as a purchase of a capital asset and not as a lease-buy deal.

A transaction may be a regular rental one, at the conclusion of which there may be a contract of purchase, and such deal may be genuine without any intention to get around or reduce taxes.

The tax authorities are generally bound to recognize such agreements and treat them as rental ones so long as they such conditions continue, and as purchase agree*ments where the right to exercise an option at the end of* the lease converts the rental arrangement to one of sale.

However, where the purpose of *the lease* arrangement is merely one to conceal an outright purchase transaction, then the situation is different and the question here is when and to what extent the assessing officer may ignore the legal structure of the agreement and treat it as an outright sale.

It would appear that the intention of the parties that is reflected in the actual business outcome of the arrangements and circumstances of the transaction are determining factors here. If, for example, a machine whose life span is, say, five years is leased for five or six-years, *it would appear unreasonable* that the leasee would rent the machine for a period exceeding its actual life span.

It was held by the court to be unreasonable that a person would pay rental payments that are, in fact, merely the purchase price of the machine, without any additional interest for the period of the lease. The parties declared, in fact, that the life span of the machines and the rental agreements were both for three years. The amounts paid in terms of the rental contracts were, in fact, equivalent to the purchase price of the machines.

In fact, in certain of the contracts the actual price of the machine was stated. In addition, one of the leasing companies itself ordered the equipment on behalf of the appellants and under the import *licence of* the appellants.

After the equipment arrived in the country it was transported directly to them and monthly payments were set in terms of the purchase price, with an increment for interest. *The court held* that while the documents and contracts were legitimate and were rental contracts, the real intention appeared to be *that of* outright purchase.

The court, therefore, concurred with the opinion of *the tax* authorities, holding that the transaction was, in fact, for purchase and not for lease.

The tax authorities, as *indicated previously*, also based their stand on generally accepted accounting principles as adopted by the Institute of Certified Public Accountants (International Statement No. 17). These state that an asset subject of a rental arrangement is to be treated as a purchase where the period of the lease coincides with the asset's life span, or most of it, or where the present value of the rental payments during the period is greater than or the same as the reasonable value of the asset.

The judge held that the purpose of proper accounting principles *was to present fairly* the real situation of the business and to give a proper picture of the business results. To *this end, the accounting principle* is based on real economic facts and also on the legal implications of a particular transaction. However, accounting principles do not always coincide with the tax principles or practices.

Another improtant aspect of the case dealt with allowing the deduction of depreciation, or even accelerated depreciation, and also finance charges. If the transactions were, in fact, not lease-buy but outright purchase, then the appellants in effect acquired the machines and should be entitled to depreciation and finance charges because the machines, as is clear from the facts, were not purchased for cash but paid for in payments over three years.

Therefore, the purchase was made on credit with both interest and linkage differences. The judge also dealt at length with the claim for accelerated depreciation as opposed to the stand adopted by the *tax authorities*, who maintained that the appellant was entitled to de*duct only 7 per cent of the cost of the machines for* purposes of depreciation.

Without going into too much detail here, the judge did recommend that this be reviewed by the assessing officer, including the question of whether certain of the machines in fact were entitled to accelerated depreciation if they worked more than a daily work schedule (that is, in excess of eight hours).

In opposing deductibility of the finance charges, the tax authorities held that in terms of Section 17-1, interest and linkage differences were to be deducted where they are *paid* on amounts borrowed and the assessing officer convinced that these amounts were paid on capital used *to produce income. In their opinion, suppliers'* credit is not money borrowed

The judge did not accept this and, in fact, held that we must ask ourselves what the difference is between obtaining the funds from a bank for the purpose of buying a machine on credit or from the seller himself.

General accounting principles distinguish between the capital amount (the price of the machine) and the interest on the unpaid balance. Since their aim is to reflect correctly the real transaction, the judge was of the opinion that the approach of the tax authorities should do likewise where there it did not contradict the income tax law.

Therefore, the judge held, after referring to certain other legal precedents, the term and money borrowed *should be accorded its economic and logical basis*, that is money that is owed.

Therefore, the interest and linkage differences paid on them were, in fact, interest that should be deductible under Section 17.

Of course, as of the 1982 year, in the wake of the inflationary tax legislation, the finance charge question is less relevant because in terms of that law 20 per cent of the interest on loans or credit on the purchase of protected assets or depreciable, non-protected assets is deductible. (Interest here includes linkage differences.)

This case has far-reaching tax *implications* governing lease-buy transactions and, in certain instances, in fact, may be more severe than the approach of the tax authorities.

The writer is a Cetified Public Accountant (Israel) Questions on tax matters may be addressed to him care of The Jerusalem Post.

THE JEWISH AGENCY
ISRAEL EDUCATION FUND
Tender No. 81/688/88

1. *THE JEWISH AGENCY (hereinafter the Agency) invites tenders from building* contractors for the construction of a:
SPORTS HALL IN YESUD HAMA'ALA
SPONSORED BY THE UNITED ISRAEL APPEAL OF CANADA, INC.
2. The projected construction is approximately 1,200 sq.m.
3. Conditions of the tender as well as all other pertinent information can be obtained from Sunday, February 28, 1988 from the Agency, 17 Kaplan Street, Tel Aviv, *room 717 between 9:00 a.m. and 12 noon, against a non-refundable* payment of NIS 350.–
4. A special tour of the construction site for contractors will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 1988, departing at 11 a.m. from the Local Community Centre.
5. Bids should be submitted not later than 1:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 30, 1988, at the address mentioned in paragraph 3 above.
6. This tender is open *only* to contractors registered in accordance with the Act Regarding Registration of Contractors for the Execution of Engineering and Construction Works 1969, *such contractors to abide* by requirements of the Act and to be eligible to carry out the works as specified.
7. The Agency does not undertake to accept the lowest, or any other bid.

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GENERAL ASSISTANCE

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Tel Aviv: *Briut, 28 Hamelech George,* 283731; Hashla-Kupat Maccabi, 7 Hashla, 463371/6 (ext. 43).
Ra'anana-Kfar Sava: Kupat Holim Clalit, Hareshut, Hod Hasharon.
Netanya: *Hamagen*, 13 Sderot Weizmann, 22985.
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Rape Crisis Centre (24 hours), for help call Tel Aviv – 234819, Jerusalem – *245554, and 660111 and Eilat 31977.*

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THE JEWISH AGENCY
ISRAEL EDUCATION FUND
Tender No. 81/638/88

1. *THE JEWISH AGENCY (hereinafter the Agency)* invites tenders from building contractors for the construction of the
ASSEOFF MUSIC CENTER IN CARMIEL
2. The projected construction is approximately 900 sq.m.
3. Conditions of the tender as well as all other pertinent information can be obtained from Sunday, February 28, 1988 from the Agency, 17 Kaplan Street, Tel Aviv, room 717 between 9:00 a.m. and 12 noon, against a non-refundable *payment of NIS 350.–*
4. A special tour of the construction site for contractors will be held on Monday, March 14, 1988, departing at 11 a.m. from the Engineer's *office* at the Carmiel Local Council building.
5. Bids should be submitted not later than 1:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 30, 1988, at the address mentioned in paragraph 3 above.
6. This tender is open only to contractors registered in accordance with the Act Regarding Registration of Contractors for the Execution of Engineering and Construction Works 1969, such contractors to abide by requirements of the Act and to be eligible to carry out the *works as specified.*
7. The Agency does not undertake to accept the lowest, or any other bid.

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ISRAEL PORTS AUTHORITY

Notice of Proposed Purchase

1. In the coming months, the Ports Authority – Israel, in accordance with its obligations with regard to selective tendering procedures under the International Agreement on Government Procurement, will be contacting *previously* qualified suppliers from the list it maintains, to obtain quotations for the following equipment:
   - **a. Fork lift trucks 2.5 – 5.0 ton at 600 mm L/C**
   - **b. Fork lift trucks 7.0 – 12.0 *ton at 600* mm L/C**
   - **c. Fork lift trucks 16.0 – 25.0 ton at 1200 mm L/C**
   - **d. Fork lift trucks 42 *ton at 1200* mm L.C**
   - **e. Pallet trucks 2.0 – 3.0 ton**
   - **f. Yard *spot and ro-ro* tractors**
   - **g. Wheel loaders, capacity up to 4.5 cu. mtr.**
   - **h. Log Loaders**
   - **i. Agricultural tractors**
   - **j. Container and general cargo trailers**
   - **k. Grabs, 4 ropes, capacity up to 24 ton – 24 cu. *mtr.***
   - **l. Telescopic automatic spreader**
2. Other *suppliers* who wish to be qualified and to submit quotations for the above-mentioned equipment are invited to notify the Ports Authority, by *certified* or registered mail to the address below, of the type(s) of equipment from the above list which they wish to supply.
3. The Ports Authority will notify those suppliers who have contacted it at least 30 days before the final day *for* submission of offers with regard to each of the types of equipment it wishes to purchase. The Ports Authority will supply, at a fee *to be set*, the appropriate prequalification forms and details of the proposed purchase.
4. The Ports *Authority* will only consider offers for the supply of the above noted equipment, from suppliers who have been prequalified.
5. *The Ports* Authority is not obligated to accept the lowest or any offer for the supply of the abovementioned *goods or equipment.*
6. Indications of the wish to supply the above noted equipment should be communicated to the address below not later than 20.3.88.

Ports Authority – Israel
Purchasing and Supply Division
74 Petach Tikva Road
Tel Aviv, Israel

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Scitex pares loss in 1987 to $4.6m.

By JUDY MALTZ

Scitex Corp., the manufacturer of computer-imaging equipment, yesterday reported a significant improvement in its 1987 results, with a net loss of $4.6 million, down considerably from the $34m. loss registered in the previous year.

In the final quarter of the year, the company, a subsidiary of Clal Ltd., earned $1.8m., or 17 cents a share, its second net quarterly profit running. By comparison, in the last three months of 1986, Scitex lost $4.9m. Operating profit for 1987 totalled $7.7 million, a turnaround from a $12.5m. loss in the previous year.

Arie Rosenfeld, Scitex's chief operating officer, yesterday attributed the company's dramatic comeback in 1987 to good market conditions and to its two-year-old recovery programme.

Unlike other Israeli electronic firms, Rosenfeld told *The Jerusalem Post*, Scitex is not overly dependent on the dollar bloc, traditionally selling close to 60 per cent of its products in Western Europe and Japan. In addition, he said, the international graphics market had recently picked up, and a new line of Scitex products had been well received abroad.

On the cost side, he noted that Scitex had succeeded in cutting down its work-force by 600 in the past few years without reducing output.

In addition to improved financial results, Scitex also achieved record revenues of $159.3m. in 1987, 20 per cent higher than the previous year.

It's fourth-quarter-revenue figures also reached an unprecedented high of $48m. Included in these figures were its first shipment of its latest product, the Smartscanner, an artificial intelligence color scanner.

18 millionth tourist

Phil and Judith Shriger, of New York, and David and Felicity Bayne, of Britain, are greeted by Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir (centre) at Ben-Gurion Airport yesterday, where the two couples were welcomed as the collective 18 millionth visitors to Israel. "Now more than ever, Israelis must make tourists feel welcome," Sharir said at the airport ceremony, reiterating, in any case, his contention that the disturbances in the territories won't harm tourism prospects this year. *(Greer Fay Cashman)* (I.P.P.A.)

Union seeks control over areas labour

By JEFF BLACK

Histadrut officials, accusing the government of failing to prevent the inflow of illegal workers from the territories, demanded the government allow the Histadrut to organize these workers instead of the Employment Service.

Such a move, observers noted, would bolster the Histadrut's troubled pension funds, but the government has previously refused similar requests.

Under the present system, labourers from the territories must register with the Employment Service before they can work in Israel. Once they have registered, they are entitled to social benefits, such as pensions, provided by the government.

But Gidon Ben-Yisrael, chairman of the Histadrut's organization department, said the government should transfer its control over these workers and their social benefits to the Histadrut. Some 60 per cent of the 105,000 workers from the territories were not registered with the Employment Service, he noted.

As a result, construction and agriculture have come to depend on the cheap labour provided by the illegal workers, Ben-Yisrael maintained.

But the root of the problem is the state of the Histadrut's pension funds. A member of the Construction Workers' Union told *The Jerusaelm Post* recently that the fund faced long-run insolvency because not enough new members were joining. If the government were to hand over its control over workers from the territories and their social benefits, the Histadrut pension funds would suddenly get a much-needed boost.

Gold plunges to 10-month low

New York Comex gold futures closed at 10-months lows on a wave of short-selling by speculators, with the price of spot gold falling $9.90 to $431.90 an ounce.

Earlier, in London, the metal's price dropped to its lowest since April 1987 yesterday, touching a low around $431.75, down $10 on Tuesday's London closing price. It recovered to around $435 in later trading.

Dealers said it may remain under pressure, especially since the price violated a key support level at $434, which might lead to a test at the next holding level of $420.

(Reuter)

Israel Money Markets

Shekel Deposits (annual rates)

Bank Last Updated	Deposit Size	Pachak	7 days	14 days	30 days
Leumi (Feb. 22)	40-1,000	–	8.00	10.00	13.00
	1,001-10,000	11.00	12.50	12.00	13.75
	10,001-50,000	12.00	13.00	12.50	14.25
	50,001-100,000	12.50	13.50	13.00	14.75
	100,001-500,000	12.50	13.50	13.00	15.00
Hapoalim (Feb. 15)	Up to 9,999	11.00	11.50	12.00	14.00
	10,000-49,999	12.00	12.50	13.00	14.50
	50,000-99,999	12.50	13.00	13.50	15.00
	100,000+	12.50	13.00	13.50	15.00
Discount (Feb. 17)	40-995	7.00	7.00	10.00	12.00
	1,000-9,995	11.00	11.00	12.00	14.00
	10,000-49,995	12.00	12.00	13.00	15.00
	50,000-99,995	12.00	12.50	13.50	15.50
	100,000+	13.00	13.00	13.50	15.50
Mizrahi (Feb. 24)	40-2,000	–	12.00	12.00	13.00
	2,001-10,000	12.00	12.50	12.50	14.50
	10,001-50,000	12.50	13.25	13.50	15.50
	50,001-100,000	13.00	13.75	14.00	15.50
	100,001-250,000	13.25	14.00	14.25	15.50
	250,000+	13.25	14.00	14.25	15.50
First Intl (Feb. 17)	50-999	–	7.82	10.43	12.96
	1,000-9,999	11.50	11.47	11.99	14.40
	10,000-49,999	12.00	11.99	12.51	14.76
	50,000-99,999	12.25	12.51	13.04	15.00
	100,000+	12.50	13.04	13.56	15.48

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates, (Feb. 25)

Currency (min. deposit)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($100,000)	6.125	6.250	6.500
Pound sterling (£100,000)	7.500	7.875	8.125
Deutschmark (DM 200,000)	2.500	2.500	2.625
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	0.750	1.375	1.875
Yen (1 million yen)	2.875	2.875	2.875

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI. Rates vary according to size of deposit.

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates (Feb. 24)

	CHEQUES AND TRANSFERS		BANKNOTES		
	Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell	Rep. Rates
Currency basket	1.7100	1.7310	–	–	1.7171
U.S. dollar	1.5762	1.5958	1.54	1.61	1.5836
Deutschmark	0.9321	0.9437	0.91	0.95	0.9359
Pound sterling	2.7851	2.8198	2.71	2.84	2.7990
French franc	0.2753	0.2789	0.27	0.28	0.2766
Japanese yen (100)	1.2247	1.2399	1.20	1.25	1.2294
Dutch florin	0.8307	0.8410	0.81	0.85	0.8339
Swiss franc	1.1344	1.1485	1.11	1.16	1.1389
Swedish krona	0.2620	0.2653	0.26	0.27	0.2633
Norwegian krone	0.2474	0.2505	0.24	0.25	0.2487
Danish krone	0.2438	0.2469	0.24	0.25	0.2451
Finnish mark	0.3850	0.3898	0.38	0.39	0.3868
Canadian dollar	1.2445	1.2600	1.22	1.27	1.2500
Australian dollar	1.1309	1.1450	1.07	1.18	1.1376
S. African rand	0.7578	0.7673	0.49	0.59	0.7608
Belgian franc (10)	0.4449	0.4504	0.44	0.45	0.4478
Austrian schilling (10)	1.3257	1.3421	1.30	1.35	1.3320
Italian lira (1000)	1.2653	1.2810	1.23	1.30	1.2701
Jordanian dinar	–	–	4.31	4.57	4.4816
Egyptian pound	–	–	0.65	0.70	0.7007
ECU	1.9242	1.9482	–	–	1.9335
Irish punt	2.4802	2.5110	2.43	2.58	2.4918
Spanish peseta (100)	1.3853	1.4025	1.34	1.43	1.3905

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI.

Union Bank net grew four times last year

By PINHAS LANDAU

Union Bank yesterday reported a four-fold increase in inflation-adjusted net profit for 1987 to NIS 26.7 million.

On the basis of last year's results, the bank's shares are currently trading at a price/earnings ratio of 10, which raises the prospect that they need not be redeemed later this year under the bank share "arrangement." Union Bank, a subsidiary of Bank Leumi, is included in the arrangement with the Treasury, under which the government is pledged to redeem the shares at their pre-share crash dollar value.

But Union, probably alone of the banks included in the arrangement, is now at a sufficiently strong level of profitability for its shares to be worth holding in their own right, rather than being sold to the government as dollar-linked bonds.

If Union's profit performance is maintained in the first half of this year, the option of retaining the shares may become real enough to affect their market behaviour.

The 1987 results show the bank powering ahead in almost every important respect. Pre-tax operating profit, after inflation, rose 67 per cent to almost NIS 60m., while the rate of tax paid on the profit fell sharply from 82 to 55 per cent, reflecting the tax reform and other changes.

This in turn led to the 318 per cent rise in net profit, which gave the bank a net return on capital of 32.5 per cent, a very high figure by normal standards. The gross return on equity was also extraordinarily high, at 73 per cent.

The primary source of this profit surge was the wide margin between the cost of interest charged on loans and that paid on deposits.

However, the banks' bad debt provisions climbed 60 per cent in real terms to over NIS 17m. Union offered no real explanation for the jump.

While the lending total was unchanged, at NIS 2.4 billion, loans to the public soared 48 per cent, to NIS 810m., while deposits with other banks, and loans to the government, both of which yield a low return, fell noticeably. Deposits from the public rose only marginally, by 4.3 per cent to NIS 1.5b.

The high net profit boosted Union's equity over 31 per cent to NIS 111.8m. This pushed up its capital/assets ratio from 3.5 to 4.7 per cent.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Guarantees for credit insurance are increased

The Bank of Israel yesterday published an authorization enabling the commercial banks to increase their guarantees for credit insurance by 10 per cent a month until October.

The authorization will enable the banks to raise their guarantees from NIS 340 million to NIS 730m. by October. The Bank of Israel said the share of the guarantees in the total bank credit is currently some 3 per cent. compared with 14 per cent in 1979.

The increase in the ceilings for guarantees is part of an effort by the central bank to increase long-term liquidity in the economy and to diversify sources of credits.

(Avi Temkin)

Paper prices

The price of American Israeli Paper Mills products yesterday rose 4.2 per cent, after the hike was approved by the Industry and Trade Ministry. The company, Israel's largest manufacturer of paper products, said it was forced to raise prices because of the higher costs of imported raw materials.

Co-op credit

The Hypercoop and Supercoop stores in the Coop Blue Square chain yesterday announced extended credit terms that will coincide with the Pessah holiday in April.

Customers holding Isracard, Visa and Coop Zahav credit cards won't have to pay until May 2 for every purchase over NIS 100, a spokeswoman said. The credit offer matches similar terms by other supermarket chains.

Laser disk course

RAMAT GAN – The Institute for the Development of Executive Assistants (Idea) has begun Israel's first management courses taught by laser disk.

Ziporet Carmel, who is in charge of the project, said the half-day English-language courses on marketing, business writing, management leadership and interviewing were interactive, meaning students can learn at their own pace. The per course price ranges from $150 for one person to $80 per person for a group. The primary thrust of Idea, an offshoot of the Van Leer Institute, is to train executive secretaries. Software for the course was developed in Britain.

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remains willing to meet with Palestinians," Redman said. "But as of now, I don't have anything by way of specifics."

According to other State Department officials, King Hussein, for his part, has strongly encouraged the U.S. to continue with the initiative. They insisted that Hussein's decision to stay in Europe in the coming days – rather than return to Amman – was by no means a snub of the Shultz initiative.

Egyptian President Hosni Mübarak, according to the Americans, was still very much in favour of the U.S. effort to "blend" procedure with substance. The same goes for Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

But U.S. officials yesterday did not conceal their deep concern over the position of Prime Minister Shamir and others in the Likud. They are worried that the Prime Minister, clearly nervous over statements made by hardliners in his party, may place fresh obstacles in the way of the peace initiative.

"For the time being," one U.S. official said, "Shamir has not said no. But we know how paranoid some of his supporters are."

This was certainly underscored yesterday in an Op-Ed Page article in the *Wall Street Journal* by Minister of Industry and Commerce Ariel Sharon

While praising Shultz's credentials as as strong supporter of Israel, Sharon dismissed any notion of immediate progress in the peace process.

"For myself," he wrote, "I do not believe in instant, magical solutions of this kind. On the contrary, they are more likely to create illusions. In the Middle East unfulfilled illusions lead only to more frustration bringing a greater degree of violence."

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

Indexes

General Share	25 Shares	General Bond
93.87	73.62	102.79
-0.46%	-1.84%	-0.15%

Shares Movements

Advances	Unchanged	Declines
81	149	192

Selected Prices

Name	Price	Volume NIS	% change
Commercial Banks (not part of arrangement)			
OHH	18601	16	–
Maritime 0.1	1055	698	-2.8
General non-arr.	14200	51	+1.8
FIBI	6630	2269	+0.9
Commercial Banks (part of arrangement)			
IDB	107230	399	–
Union 0.1	n.t.	n.t.	n.t.
Discount	136850	188	-0.3
Mizrahi	44200	1718	–
Hapoalim r	73000	1109	–
General A	186250	17	-0.1
Leumi 100.0	46372	2054	–
Fin. Trade	61495	–	-0.0
Mortgage Banks & Finance			
Leumi Mort. r	7250	64	-4.4
Dev. Mort.	1740	660	-1.1
Mishkan r	2929	204	-2.3
First Int'l Mort.	6900	100	-1.2
Tefahot r	20790	2	-1.0
Leumi Ind.	9494	24	-1.7
Clal Leasing 0.1	18895	23	-15.0
Insurance			
Ararat 0.5 r	1349	340	–
Phoenix 0.1	630	–	–
Hamishmar 1.0	3759	95	-9.4
Menorah 1	1120	200	-0.1
Sahar r	276	2510	-4.8
Securitas	820	454	-2.1
Zion Hold. 1	2785	124	-13.9
Trade & Services			
Intergama 1.0	736	1669	+0.5
Meir Ezra	522	1000	+0.8
Crystal	700	2054	-6.7
Supersol a	890	1664	–
Lighterage 0.1	800	1629	–
Cold Storage 1.0	706	700	+0.1
Dan Hotels 1.0	1220	150	-9.6
Coral Beach	5895	133	-10.0
Yarden Hotel	2679	–	-1.0
Hilon 1.0	190	11108	–
M.L.L. 1.0	7200	–	-1.1
Team 1.0	649	19235	–
Real Estate, Building and Agriculture			
Al-Rov	325	1800	–
Africa Isr. 0.1	35570	80	-3.5
Arladan	1760	805	-2.7
Dankner	4970	128	-1.6
J.E.C.	255	3200	+0.8
Bayside 0.1	3175	1399	-1.1
Isras	16350	414	-2.1
Azorim Props.	246	190	–
Mehadrin	4931	489	-1.2
Hadarim Prop.	1424	66	-0.1
Industrials			
Dubek	2394	435	-10.0
Tempo 1.0	29200	34	-2.3
Sunfrost	14550	–	–
Assis	285	2850	-4.0
Adgar	272	2658	+1.1
Argaman	8220	42	-5.2
Delta Galil	1060	5290	–
Lodzia	690	250	+0.4
Ligat	169	1400	+4.3
Polgat	n.t.	n.t.	n.t.
Gibor Sabrina	6437	95	-1.0
Urdan 0.1r	5280	102	-0.9
Wire&Cable	254	6372	–
Zion Cables 5.0	1015	–	–
Packer Steel	1720	1569	–
Elbit	255500	10	–
Electra 0.1	1584	606	–
Aryt	11650	30	–
Spectronix 1.0	970	300	–
T.A.T. 1.0	745	258	-5.7
Y.P. Clal	153	22284	+1.0
Ackerstein 1.0	390	5000	-7.1
Agan	1338	689	-0.1
Alliance	1039	s.o.1	-5.0
Gal Indus. 1.0	n.t.	n.t.	n.t.
Fertilizers 0.1	4340	230	-0.2
Haifa Chemicals	n.t.	n.t.	n.t.
Periclase	490	4223	–
Frutarom	52000	114	+4.6
Keter	138	8796	+1.5
Koor p	6450	307	-1.1
Investment Companies			
Wolfson 1 r	116000	–	–
Hapoalim Inv.	587	12694	–
Mizrahi Invest.	24799	37	-2.4
Paz Invest.	2420	570	-0.6
Pama 0.1	5427	110	-10.0
Piryon	10035	330	–
Yisum	68	7810	-1.4
Oil Exploration			
Paz Oil Expl.	18000	25	-1.1
J.O.E.L.	282	4740	–

Abbreviations:
s.o. sellers only — *b* bearer
p.o. buyers only — r registered
n.t. no trading

25 Shares

	Morning			Afternoon		
Name	Price	Volume NIS	% Change	Price	Volume NIS	% Change
First Internat'l	5513	895	UC	5485	3780	-0.50
Hassneh r	146	3114	UC	146.5	4000	+0.25
Clal Trading	344	10928	UC	342	6000	-0.50
Supersol B	826	3963	UC	909	34200	-2.00
Delek r	1860	2164	UC	1827	5400	-1.75
Africa-Isr. 1.0	25788	52	UC	25272	135	-2.00
Azorim	783	3466	UC	765	5400	-2.25
Prop. & Building	2272	888	UC	2222	2210	-1.75
ILDC r	54260	n.t.	n.t.	n.t.	n.t.	n.t.
Clal R Estate	587	4125	UC	544	4800	-4.00
Elite	11217	245	UC	11049	1800	-1.50
Polgat B	645	n.t.	n.t.	n.t.	n.t.	n.t.
Is. Can Co. 0.1	3307	240	UC	3274	800	-1.00
Elron	199088	12	UC	198088	44	-0.50
Teva	6921	731	UC	6852	6540	-1.00
Dead Sea	1838	1578	UC	1815	8720	-1.25
Petrochem	754	5526	UC	750	25000	-0.50
AIPM	234550	6	UC	230445	19	-1.75
Central Trade	9535	206	UC	9106	150	-4.50
Clal Industries	174	17459	UC	169.5	86000	-3.00
IDB Develop.	5324	929	UC	5204	5390	-2.25
Ellern	742	880	UC	720	500	-3.00
Israel Corp.	3232	1221	UC	3127	2970	-3.25
Discount Invest	1909	2909	UC	1866	34040	-2.25
Clal 1.0	964	2113	UC	945	15800	-2.00

Statistics

Stock Indices

General Share (excl argmt.)	76.93	-1.25
Non-argmt.	76.15	-0.01
Arrangement Banks	105.86	-0.05
Mortgage Banks	84.06	-1.40
Financial Inst.	99.22	-0.76
Insurance	74.52	-1.04
Commerce & Services	72.29	-1.34
Real Estate & Agric.	77.25	-0.92
Industrials	77.23	-1.24
Food & Tobacco	81.70	-2.17
Textiles	74.94	-0.45
Metals	79.36	-0.29
Electronics	83.13	-0.85
Chemicals	79.93	-0.73
Industrial Invest.	66.62	-3.13
Investment Cos.	73.99	-2.00
Oil Exploration	76.23	-0.41
Parallel List	78.20	-0.56

Bond Indices

Index-linked Bonds	102.74	+0.16
Fully linked	102.82	+0.16
Partially linked	102.48	+0.11
Foreign Currency	103.99	+0.12
FC denominated	103.52	-0.17
FC linked	104.20	+0.25
Short-term 0-2 yrs	102.59	+0.14
Short-medium 2-5 yrs	103.26	+0.25
Medium-long 5-7 yrs	102.65	+0.11
Long-term 7+ yrs	102.37	+0.05

Turnovers

Total Shares	NIS 11,190,400
Non-arrangement	NIS 7,469,000
Arrangement	NIS 3,721,400
Bonds	NIS 6,696,700
Treasury Bills	NIS 11,176,000

Share Movements

Advances	81	(38)
of which 5%+	5	(10)
buyers only	2	(0)
Declines	192	(301)
of which 5%+	38	(92)
sellers only	6	(14)
Trading Halt	68	(18)

Bond Market Trends

Index-linked:	
3% fully linked	Mixed/rises slightly
4.25% fully linked	Stable
80% linked	Mixed to 1%
Double linked:	Falls to 3%
Rimon	Rises to 1%
Gilboa	Rises to 1%
FC denominated	Stable/slightly mixed
T-bills	16.35-19.15%

Arrangement Yields

IDB ord.	10.36%
Union 0.1	n.t.
Discount A	10.37%
Mizrahi R.	10.10%
Hapoalim R.	10.01%
General A.	9.74%
Leumi Stock	10.08%
Fin. Trade 1	10.12%

Foreign Markets

EUROPEAN FINANCIAL MARKETS (Feb. 24)

Precious Metals

Gold	London	a.m. fix	438.00
	London	p.m. fix	435.75
	Paris	noon	434.39
	Zurich	p.m. fix	435.88
Silver	London	Spot fix	624.40
Platinum	London	p.m. fix	452.25

SOURCE: MARINE MIDLAND BANK

Libor Rates

	1 month	3 months	6 months
Sterling	8 7/8	9 5/16	9 1/2
Dollar	6 3/4	6 13/16	6 15/16
S-franc	u.a.	u.a.	u.a.
D-mark	u.a.	u.a.	u.a.
Yen	u.a.	u.a.	u.a.

Foreign Currency Crossrates (London 15:30 GMT)

Forward rates	Spot	3 months	6 months	12 months
Pound sterling	1.7663/73	105/100	212/207	406/396
Deutschmark	1.6923/28	143/138	282/277	583/573
Swiss franc	1.3905/15	171/166	317/307	595/585
Dutch florin	1.8981/91	128/125	256/250	544/429
French franc	5.7240/70	140/170	390/435	690/790
Japanese yen	128.60/70	84/79	172/164	375/355
Italian lira	1245.0/6.5	102/132	204/254	400/500
Belgian franc	35.35/39	8/3	15/8	30/15
Canadian dollar	1.2650/60	53/56	104/109	200/220
ECU	1.2205/13	11/16	20/25	55/65
S. African rand	0.4780/00	35/25	80/70	200/180
Austrian schilling	11.88/90	9/6	17/12	35/25
Swedish krona	6.0100/50	375/415	730/790	1415/1520
Norwegian krone	6.3680/30	1140/1180	2310/2370	4375/4500
Danish krone	6.4570/20	260/320	555/675	975/1225

Share Indices

Commerzbank 60 stocks ....1,379.2 +3.1 Financial Times 100 stocks ....1,761.0 +3.1

NEW YORK FINANCIAL MARKETS (Feb. 24)

U.S. Money Rates

Prime rate	8.50 %	Fed funds (late)	6 1/4
Broker loan	7.50 %	Long term bond	105 19/32-21/32
NY Euros (3 mos.)	6 13/16-11/16 %	Discount rate	6.00 %

New York Foreign Exchange

	DMK	SFR	STG	YEN	CAN
Latest	1.6948/55	1.3936/46	1.7643/48	128.79/84	1.2650/51
High	1.6975	1.3960	1.7675	128.97	1.2669
Low	1.6910	1.3895	1.7612	128.50	1.2630

Comment:
The dollar was narrowly mixed in quiet New York trading yesterday. Earlier, Fed. Chief Greenspan's comments that he did not favour a lower dollar as tool to right the trade imbalance brought the dollar off its low levels. Technical factors also boosted the dollar. The fourth-quarter U.S. gross national product revision today may provide some direction.

Precious Metals

Gold	Spot	432.25	Silver	Spot	6.20
	Prev close	441.75		Prev close	6.30

Wall Street (Prices as of 16:00 GMT)

Market Indices			NYSE Highest Volume		
DJ Industrials	2041.28	+2.16	FPL Group	31⅞	unch
DJ Transport	818.51	-1.18	Union Elec	24⅛	unch
DJ Utils	184.45	-0.88	Navistar	5½	+¾
Stocks	759.54	-0.36	Phil Elec	19⅞	unch
NYSE Comp	148.66	-0.07	Varity Cp	2⅞	+¼
NYSE Inds	178.82	-0.08	Duqsne Lt	13⅝	+⅛
NASD Comp	362.96	+1.88	Coast Corp	29⅛	-⅞
S-P 100 index	252.28	-0.55	Hanson Plc	12½	+⅛
S-P Comp	264.59	-0.43	Contl Cp	38⅞	-⅞
Amex index	283.28	+0.56	Utah Pwr	29⅞	unch

Statistics

NYSE	Volume	204,206,400	NASDAQ	Volume	129,250,100 (Feb. 23)
	Stocks up	648		Stocks up	1062
	Stocks down	818		Stocks down	974

Comment:
Wall Street blue chips pulled back yesterday from a significant resistance level after failing to gain enough support to break through convincingly. The dollar was barely changed, offering nosupport to stocks and U.S. security prices weakened, pushing up yields.
The Dow Jones Industrial Average was near even with its opening at about 2038 with about as many issues showing gains as losses.
USG Corp. gained 4¼ to 36⅝. Desert Partners L.P. said it proposed to buy USG for $42 a share in cash, subordinated debt securities and warrants.

Israeli Stocks Traded in New York

NYSE/Amex

	Last	Prev. close	High	Low	Vol. ('00s)
Alliance	–	⅝	–	–	–
Am Isr Pap	14⅞	14⅞	15⅛	14⅞	24
Ampal	1¾	1⅞	1¾	1¾	213
Carmel Cont	5½	5⅝	5½	5⅝	8
Elscint	1⅝	1⅝	1⅝	1½	36
Etz Lavud	6	6⅛	6	6	1
Laser Inds	7½	7½	7⅝	7⅜	146

Over-the-Counter

	Last	Bid	Ask		Last	Bid	Ask
Ampal	–	4¾	5½	IDB Bank	–	59	63
Aryt	ua	ua	ua	IIS	–	2¾	3⅛
Bank Leumi	–	25	27	Interpharm	–	2¾	3½
Biotech Gen.	5¾	5⅝	6	Optrotech	5	4½	5¼
Elbit	4½	4½	4⅞	Oshap	–	1¾	2¼
Elde	–	2⅜	2½	Rada	ua	ua	ua
ECI Tel.	3	2⅞	3¼	Scitex	3	3	3¼
Elron	3½	3⅜	3⅞	Taro Vit	–	1 3/16	1⅝
Fibronics	3¼	2¾	2⅛	Tevapharm	5¼	5⅛	5⅝
Galagraph	–	⅞	1½				

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2. Since that date, following contacts between the two sides, the Labour Council has postponed the start of the possible strike to February 29, 1988.
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The strange pipeline case

"BUT then discretion is demanded on our part," Shimon Peres, at that time Israel's prime minister, wrote by hand in a letter dated September 19, 1985. It was addressed to "Dear Mr. Mees," and given by Mr. Peres to Geneva-based ex-Israeli millionaire Baruch (Bruce) Rappaport for delivery to the U.S. attorney general by the latter's friend and lawyer E. Robert Wallach. Whatever the merits of that curious letter, discretion does not seem to have been one of them. Two days ago it was aptly "declassified" by the recipient for his own unstated reasons.

Mr. Meese's reasons are, however, of lesser importance than Mr. Peres's intentions, and these have now become a matter of the highest political relevance.

The subject under discussion was a proposal, which eventually came to naught, for the construction of an oil pipeline from Iraq to Jordan's Aqaba. That proposal had already been approved by a group of ministers including Mr. Peres and the then foreign minister, Yitzhak Shamir, as being in line with Israel's own national interest. The Iraqis were given an oral pledge, through the U.S., that Israel would not stage an unprovoked attack on the pipeline.

This, however, evidently did not satisfy the Iraqis, and neither did it satisfy Bechtel, the giant American corporation that was to have been the major contractor for the pipeline. Bechtel, acting through Mr. Rappaport, insisted on an Israeli commitment, to be given in writing, not to bomb the pipeline under any circumstances. In return, Bechtel was willing to sell Israel oil at reduced rates for ten years.

Strangely, Mr. Peres did not bother to take fellow ministers into his confidence about this Bechtel idea. The reason for that failure now cited by "sources close to the foreign minister" is that Mr. Peres did not treat the matter with any seriousness.

The explanation might ring convincing if it were not for Mr. Peres's rather mystifying letter to Mr. Meese; and especially if it were not for the similarly declassified memo from Mr. Wallach to the attorney general, dated September 25, 1985 - six days after the despatch of Mr. Peres's own communication - which refers to a suggested payoff to Israel of between $650 and $700 million, a portion of which, according to Wallach, was supposed to go to the Labour Party.

Mr. Wallach claimed in his memo to have received his information from that other friend, Mr. Rappaport.

All this reads like the stuff of madness. So, surely, does Mr. Wallach's other reference in the memo, to Labour's supposed anxiety to bring over more Soviet Jews on the ground that, being Ashkenazi, they would be a counterweight to the Likud-supporting Sephardim. At the very least, Mr. Wallach is an ignoramus of the first water about matters Israeli.

But the allegations, although they were plainly not meant to be allegations, made by Mr. Wallach, who presumably got them from Mr. Rappaport, will not go away by Mr. Peres and his entourage blandly brushing them off as complete nonsense. Nor will the smoking gun presented by the insouciant Mr. Meese to Labour's political enemies be spiked by protesting, however truthfully, that no-one had actually offered, nor given, Labour anything.

The consequences of Mr. Peres's indiscretion may now be hard to wipe out. To do so, Labour's chairman must rebut the allegations of what amounts to political corruption by forthrightly telling it all as it was. And by doing so promptly and of his own volition.

AMBUSH

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escalation in unrest during the visit of U.S. Secretary of State Shultz, large numbers of IDF reservists were transferred to the strip.

One group of veterans patrolling central Gaza City squares told reporters that since their transfer to the region they had decided to rename their unit "The Shultz Battalion."

Violent demonstrations broke out yesterday in several Gaza Strip refugee camps. Troops opened fire on a rapidly advancing crowd of rock-throwing demonstrators in the Nusseirat camp, wounding at least four youths.

At the Shatti camp, a similar demonstration resulted in the imposition of a curfew.

In Jebaliya, a nine-year-old girl was hospitalized after a rubber bullet struck her ear.

After inspecting the Ansar II detention facility, IDF Chief of General Staff Dan Shomron yesterday met with the Israeli newspaper editors association.

Referring to his recent letter to soldiers clarifying regulations for treatment of Palestinian demonstrators, Shomron told the group: "I did not publish new instructions regarding the use of force in the territories, rather I restated and emphasized the instructions that already existed, without any connection to the attorney-general's letter."

Earlier this week, Attorney-General Yosef Harish wrote Defence Minister Rabin saying that the number of reports of beatings by soldiers had cast doubt over the IDF's claim that they were isolated incidents. He demanded that it be made clear to all soldiers serving in the territories that it is illegal to beat demonstrators after they have been arrested."

OC Southern Command Yitzhak Mordechai appealed to the editors to show greater "restraint and responsibility" in their accounts of events in the territories.

SHULTZ

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Sources in Labour said last night that the crucial point in Shultz's trip is the extent of criticism which he will be willing to level at Shamir in public. "The only thing that can move Shamir is public pressure," they said.

Senior sources in the Likud countered that if Peres tried to "mobilize" Shultz against Shamir, the prime minister would not only rebuff the pressures but is likely to be driven to a unilateral dissolution of the coalition.

Both Shamir and Peres made last-minute preparations yesterday for their talks with Shultz. The first meetings between them and Shultz are to be held tomorrow morning.

Foreign Ministry officials reported yesterday that in recent weeks, Shultz has built up unprecedented domestic support for his peace initiative.

The Chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, Morris Abram, is also to arrive here tonight for the Conference convention which opens in Jerusalem on Monday. Like Shultz, Abram will be staying at the Hilton.

One minister characterized yesterday's cabinet discussion as an "academic exercise" with both party leaders fully cognizant of the futility of attempts to bridge the gap between their positions. "The funny thing is," the minister added, "that none of us knew what the hell we were talking about, since we have not been presented with the details of the American plan."

Minister Ezer Weizman said that it was a sorry state of affairs when the cabinet could not sit and decide together on its positions.

Michal Yudelman adds:

Likud MK Moshe Arens, a Shamir confidant, said yesterday after the inner cabinet meeting that Shultz and the U.S. would have to wait patiently until after the Israeli elections before Israel is ready to start on peace negotiations,

"We will listen very carefully to what Shultz has to say, he is a great friend. But the present timing is not suitable for diplomatic initiatives and negotitations," Arens said.

He added that the riots in the West Bank and Gaza were one reason why the timing for negotiations was not right. But in addition, it was unprecedented in a democratic state that negotiations should take place on issues crucial to its existence while an election campaign was in process.

"Even if we could overcome that, the present situation in the government is that the foreign minister does not accept the authority of the prime minister, and is conducting his own policy. Our position should therefore be, with all respect to the secretary of state and the U.S., that this is not the time," Arens said.

Both sides underdogs in the battle of images

Gerald M. Steinberg

THE DOMINANT image of Israel in the world now is one of military strengths, while the Palestinians appear as week and oppressed refugees. In the television footage of the riots in the West Bank and Gaza, the IDF always appears with its array of "heavy" weapons, from machine guns to teargas canisters and rubber bullets.

In contrast, the Arab rioters, usually teenagers and women, have only rocks, primitive sling-shots and, on occasion, home-made Molotov cocktails. They are surrounded by the powerful Israelis, and any local outburst is quickly met by a convoy of command cars and charging soldiers.

From this perspective, it is no wonder that the rest of the world, the Arabs and Palestinians, and even some Israelis, see the IDF as the dominant force and the refugees as the underdog.

Yet, perhaps for most Israelis, these perceptions seem false, incongruous and reversed. Most Israelis are still haunted by the images of 1967, when we were universally perceived as the underdog, surrounded on all sides by hostile Arab states. (In fact, this perception can be traced to individual or acquired memories of the invasions of 1948, and even to the Twenties and Thirties.)

Many of us are still traumatized by the pictures from Cairo and Damascus in the days before the war, when mass demonstrations were held calling on the united Arab world to push the Jews into the sea. Despite the Israeli victory, the image of being surrounded remains. We still see ourselves as David and the undifferentiated hostile Arab world as Goliath.

Morally, while Israelis like to think of the IDF as different and superior to other military forces, and the Arabs in particular, the rest of the world considers us no better, and often worse. The tallies of the number of Palestinians who have been killed in the riots, the hospital scenes of Arab youths who have been beaten by soldiers, and the explicit orders issued by the defence minister are very persuasive evidence that Israel has lost any claim to morality.

Of course, any army is violent, and its purpose is to kill, or to intimidate by threatening to kill, but gratuitous violence has always been considered anathema to the IDF.

MANY OLDER Israelis still cling to the images of the IDF's values as exemplified in the 1967 Six Day War.

After the war, the compilation of interviews with soldiers, known as *Siah Lohamim* (published in English as *The Seventh Day*) became a classic. Despite the victory in the war of survival, the soldiers who were interviewed for this book did not gloat about their victory. Rather, they spoke in muted terms of the tragedy of the Arab-Israeli conflict, and of their friends who died rather than shoot indiscriminately into civilian areas. The enemy is portrayed in human terms, rather than as an abstraction.

For many, the violations of the tradition of *tohar ha'neshek* (purity of arms) that goes back to the days of the Palmah, are, however widespread, still deviations from the norm.

Indeed, the internal criticism of the bombing of Beirut, the massive Peace Now rally after Sabra and Shatilla, and the report of the Kahan Commission were evidence that the norm is still alive. During the Lebanon War, there were many examples of *tohar ha'neshek* in which individual soldiers risked and even lost their lives rather than shooting into a house which might contain civilians.

The recent examples of similar exceptions to *tohar ha'neshek* can be seen not only as the confirmation of the inherent violence of occupation, but as the inevitable result of decades of Arab hatred, terror and violence.

Yet despite this bitter legacy, and in the face of the current barrage of rocks and Molotov cocktails, the army still goes to great lengths to restrict the use of live ammunition. Those who violate these restriction are arrested. Israel Television's coverage of the riots in the Golan Heights showed an Israeli police officer, at the height of the riots, risk injury to protect a child who had been exposed to tear gas. This is the image we would prefer to have of ourselves, and on the basis of which we distinguished ourselves from our enemies.

THE QUESTION is not which image is correct. Psychologically, these contrary perceptions can exist simultaneously. Indeed, both can also be supported by the available evidence. Israel both surrounds the Palestinians and is itself surrounded by the Arab and Islamic world. The IDF may now be militarily stronger than the Arabs, and is of course far more powerful than the Palestinians, but a return to the 1967 situation, combined with a surprise attack similar to that of 1973, could threaten national integrity. Israel has paid a high price in wars it did not seek and in the daily threat of terrorism which has touched every Israeli family, and this has created an extensive perception of vulnerability.

It is important, however, to acknowledge the existence of both sets of perceptions. As long as one predominates and the other is denied or not even recognized, there is no basis for understanding or dialogue. In Israel, there is considerable recognition of the dominant Palestinian Arab perceptions among groups such as Peace Now and the political parties on the left. However, the Palestinians, their supporters, and, increasingly, the journalists who cover the "disturbances," deny the validity and are often entirely unaware of the dominant Israeli perceptions.

Under these conditions, mutual accommodation and dialogue is not very likely. Just as the Israeli government must address the perceptions of the Palestinians, Arab leaders must understand that however they perceive Israel, many Israelis have entirely different images of themselves and the conflict.

They cannot convince us that these perceptions are no longer valid unless they first recognize and address the images themselves. Similarly, reporters covering the events who do not seem to be aware of the dominant Israeli perspectives, of the continued aftermath of the trauma of the 1967 threat, and of the moral and ethical dialogue within Israeli society, are contributing to, or at least continuing, the distortion which has characterized so much of the recent analysis.

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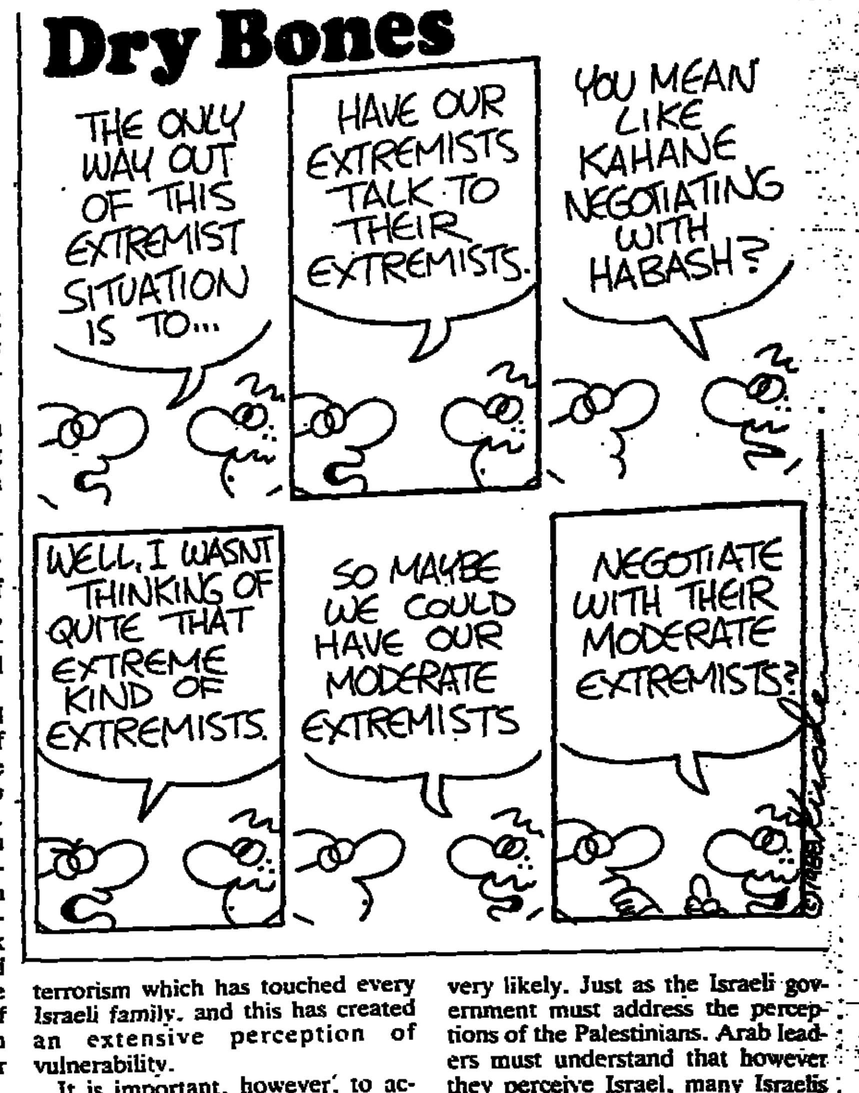
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READERS' LETTERS

CRUCIAL NEGOTIATIONS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, – During Secretary Shultz's visit, a maximum effort must be made to find a promising arrangement which will allow the start of negotiations for peace between Israel and the Arab world.

Those who refuse to see or understand that the present situation is a crucial one for Israel's future are not capable of governing the state. We have to face up to reality. We must remember that fantasies and dreams of greatness brought about Napoleon's downfall. We must negotiate with the Arabs wherever they are, and as long as we have the understanding, assistance and benevolent goodwill of America, our national freedom will be guaranteed by the U.S. and its Western allies. Those who fail to understand this will regret it because it will then be too late to redress the situation.

We have to learn from history and not from religious mysticism or nationalist fantasy. We have to take care that present and future generations of Israelis can live in a land of peace and become a proud nation based on ethics, morals and knowledge as well as economic strength, maybe in a smaller country, but a stronger and more responsible one.

The visit of Secretary Shultz is an historic event. If the Likud takes a responsible approach to the problem within the government and in negotiations with Shultz, our future can be secured and life in Israel peaceful.

If this opportunity is missed, a complete political vacuum will result. We must not forget that understanding, assistance, military strength and international political support all come from the U.S. There is no other nation in the world which is treated the way Israel is by the U.S. What would we be without them? A small country and people, a weak nation surrounded by enemies who endanger our very existence. Do we not also have an obligation to future generations of Israelis to ensure that we have a strong, free and respected state instead of what we see today?

History will judge the present leadership by the outcome of the negotiations with Secretary Shultz. Let us pray that sanity will return to the House of Israel and that Secretary Shultz and his entourage will return with success to our friends and only allies, the people of the United States, to the benefit of Israel and the rest of the world as well.

YEKUTIEL X. FEDERMANN
Haifa.

THANK YOU, TEDDY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, – A few weeks ago, I appeared on page one of your newspaper as a resident of Armon Hanatziv whose house had been stoned by the neighbouring Arab villagers. Unfortunately, the situation has only worsened since that article appeared, with the violence being repeated and escalated.

As I have been interviewed on Israel radio and television and have appeared in the press in Israel and abroad, I have received endless phone calls from friends and acquaintances all over the country, expressing their support, concern and desire to help. This, indeed, has been comforting to me and my family and given us renewed strength to withstand the daily tensions of life on the "border." In addition, the policemen, border police and army stationed by our front door have been wonderful and have made us feel secure and proud.

But, I would mostly like to share with your readers the pleasure, honour and general good feelings which we experienced last week when, late one evening, Teddy Kollek and his wife Tamar stopped by for a visit, their arms laden with chocolates. *Kol hakavod* to our mayor who, with all the burdens of his job, especially in these trying times, finds the strength and time to show an ordinary citizen that he really cares!

JUDY SEGAL
Jerusalem.

COMPENSATION FOR ARABS AND JEWS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, – In Michel Zlotowski's interview of the PLO's Ibrahim Souss (January 29), the latter is quoted as saying: "But how could we Palestinians accept, even if you had rights over this land, that you would come and steal it from us? ... It would create a revolution if an Israeli leader were to rise and declare that Israel is ready to compensate us for the despoiled Palestinian properties: the houses, the land, the bank accounts... Otherwise, why should we be expected to repay Jews who lived in Arab countries for what they have lost?"

Well, Mr. Souss need wait no longer. On October 26, 1987, the Knesset adopted a resolution, supported by parties representing 100 out of its 120 members, which stated *inter alia*: "Israel, for its part, has made it known that, within the framework of a peace settlement, it will be prepared to compensate the Arabs who left Israel." The World Organization of Jews from Arab Countries noted this decision with approval in the resolutions it passed in its Washington conference on October 28, 1987, and the 31st World Zionist Congress meeting in Jerusalem last December expressed "its satisfaction and complete support of the resolution passed in the Knesset."

So, can we now expect Mr. Souss to advocate repaying Jews who lived in Arab countries for what they have lost? We would welcome an Arab leader rising and declaring that this is so, especially as most of the Arab refugees left at the behest of their leaders to facilitate the destruction of Israel, whereas the 600,000 Jews expelled from the Arab countries and robbed of all their possessions and 2,500-year-old heritage had never been disloyal to their countries of birth.

SHAUL RAMATI
Tel Aviv. *Director-General, Wojac*

WELCOME TO AUSTRIA!

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, – A friend of mine recently wrote to Pension Charlotte in Bad Gastein to reserve a room. Here is the reply he received from the Weghofers, who run the pension:

"We regret that we must give a negative reply to your letter. In view of the inhuman behaviour of the State of Israel, we are unable to grant hospitality to Israelis.

"For us Austrians of the post-war generation, Mauthausen, Auschwitz and other places of horror are part of a past which some still have to contend with. The present for us is Gaza, West Jordan, Jerusalem, the bombing of civilians in other countries, and the establishment of concentration camps in the occupied territories.

"The thought of possibly giving shelter to an Israeli soldier who shot stone-throwing children in their own country is unbearable to us.

"Bring your own guilty to trial, beginning with the members of IZL and the Stern gang, respect the UN resolutions, observe the rights of man and humanity, apologize for the slander and insults your media heaped on our democratically elected president, and then you may write to us again."

Maybe the text of this letter will help to persuade some of your readers who still plan to spend their vacation in Austria to look elsewhere.

Tel Aviv. *A. KARNON*

BRAVO

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, – Bravo to Joel H. Golovensky for his article of February 14, "It's the status quo that's our problem." He has said it all. Now, who will listen?

Jerusalem. *LEE GOODSTEIN*

AN OASIS OF PEACE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, – I believe it will be a matter of some surprise and satisfaction to your readers to learn that, since the present unrest in the occupied territories, life in this village of Jews and Palestinians of Israeli citizenship – Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam – has continued to live up to its name "an oasis of peace."

The School for Peace, based on the community, has not had a single cancellation from either Jewish or Arab participants in the workshops and various activities, all of which have taken place exactly as planned – practically and effectively. If anything, there has been an intensified urge on the part of these teenagers (who come from all over the country) to make the fullest use of the opportunity afforded them here to learn the techniques of coexistence – which is the object of our endeavours. No manner of influence, political or ethnic, from whatever source diverts their intention of finding a way through the obstacles they face onto a path leading to understanding and an acceptable solution to the problems which their elders, so far, have failed dismally to solve.

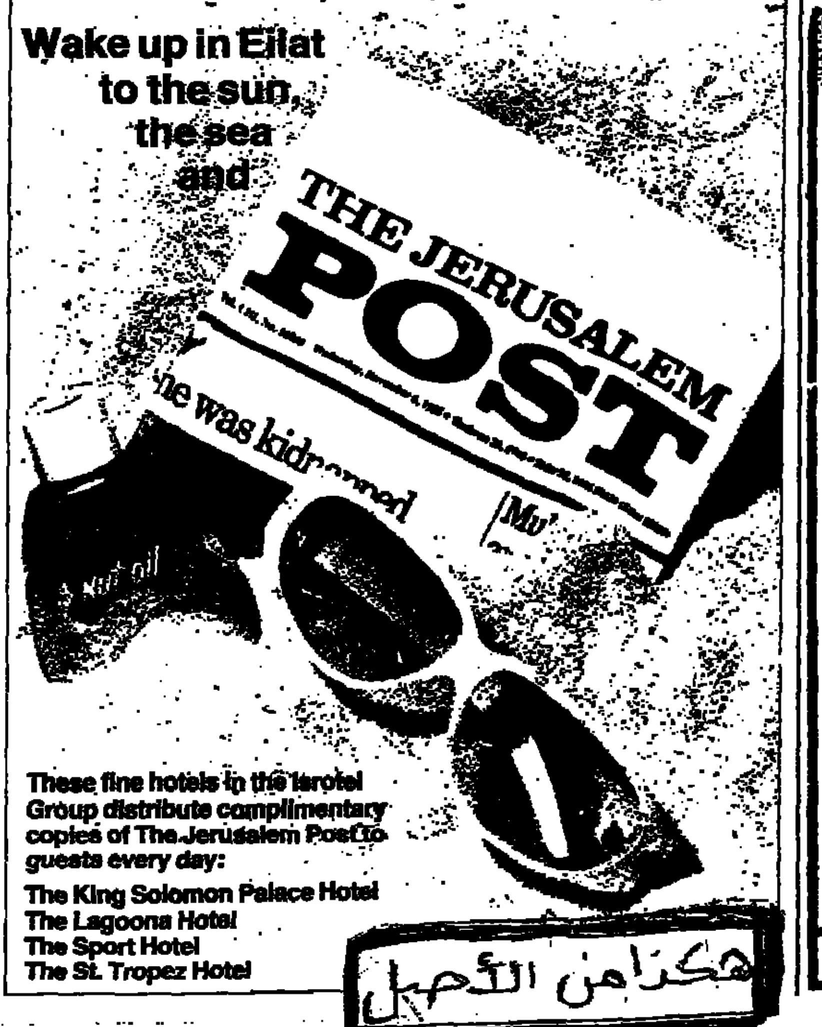
WELLESLEY ARON,
Chairman, Overseas Committee
Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam.

U.S. ELECTIONS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, – All U.S. citizens in Israel who wish to participate in the 1988 Democratic overseas postal primary can obtain ballots at most AACI regional offices, where further information is available.

DAVID FROEHLICH,
Secretary, Democrats Abroad (Israel)
Rehovot.



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